



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

**6:00 PM CST**

**Council Chambers, City Hall**

**Call to Order.**

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

Invocation - Mayor Depreo

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

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to confirm the agenda.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Presentation Agenda.**

- a. The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held March 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at City Hall.
- b. Cynthia Chauvin - CASA Expansion Update

City Manager's Report.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

February 20, 2024

1. Park Ten Road –The contract is for 270 Calendar Days with an end date of June 1<sup>st</sup>. The roadbed has been formed and the first layer of rock has been installed. Most of the drainage culverts have been installed with the electrical conduit being installed as well at this time. Curb & Gutter installation will begin by the end of the month.

2. Noma Drive Restoration – The final lift of asphalt has been completed. The contractor will begin to make the connection to multimodal path once the area is prepared. The contract is for 195 Calendar Days with an end date of March 24<sup>th</sup>.
3. Beaux Vue 2 – Bid has been awarded. The contractor bonds and paperwork were received at the end of last week. They will be processed and sent to the engineer. A pre-construction meeting has been set for tomorrow.
4. Bond Paving Diamondhead Drive – The contract is for 150 Calendar Days with an end date of March 6<sup>th</sup>. The engineer is working on an updated schedule for this project. This agenda includes the purchase of the traffic buttons that will be installed in the buffered bike lane as per the drawings from Orion Planning.
5. Annual Unit Price Repair Contract – This contract is on the agenda for approval tonight. This will allow the city to complete small projects throughout the city as needed.
6. Montjoy Creek –The DMR notice for public comment period has ended. The engineer will review the comments and provide feedback.
7. Noma Drive Phase 1b – Bids were received last week. They are currently under review by the engineer. The project is to build the parking area, rebuild the boat ramp, and build the kayak launch and pier, and comfort station.
8. Kaleki Way –Bids were received for this project. The city is waiting on the needed additional easements from property owners and right of entry form. The project should be on the next agenda for approval.
9. Bayou Drive – Bids were received for this project. The Project is on the agenda for approval to award to the lowest bidder.
10. Canal Dredging – The city has received the permit from USACE to allow for the canal dredging on the south side. The engineer's submitted plans are still under review by the RESTORE Council.
11. DH Lakes Road – Elliott Homes' engineers and Covington Engineering have agreed on design. EH will notify residents with a timeline for this project to begin. Current repair work is scheduled to begin on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
12. Noma Drive Boardwalk – Engineer is working on the drawing. The easements needed from the property owners is on the agenda for approval.
13. MDOT Roundabout Project – The Diamondhead Roundabout project was awarded to TL Wallace on February 13<sup>th</sup> MDOT meeting. Currently I do not have a schedule for this project to start.
14. MDOT Interstate Widening Project – This project was awarded on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Along with the addition of two lanes on the Interstate, the project includes a Sound Barrier Wall, and a multimodal walking path. This will require MDOT to remove most if not all the trees in their right-of-way to install the wall and walking path.
15. March of the Mayors for 2024 – The 'March of the Mayors' event is continuing for the remainder of February. The city has set up drop-off points where citizens can drop off a donation of 15-ounce cans of soup.
16. Detention Ponds – This project has been reduced to two ponds as the other two will be a part of separate larger drainage projects. Pond D, which is in the Pelican Cove area is on the agenda tonight for approval.



17. ARPA/GOMESA Projects – The following projects have been assigned to an engineering firm and are currently in the design phase.

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

18. Noma Drive Walking Trail – No change on this project. The work assignment for the engineer is on this agenda for approval. This portion will be the planning phase using Tidelands funds. The city has applied for additional funding for this project with the MS Outdoor Stewardship Grant. This project will create a walking path from Noma Drive to Montjoy Creek.

19. Dog Park – No change on this project. The parcel is currently being surveyed to verify a few minor points. The road right of way is being evaluated to determine if it has been dedicated and accepted by the city. The city has started the re-subdivision process. This will be a several month process that will go through P&Z and Council for approval.

### **Email Request Received**

1. Montjoy Creek Trail – Resident notified police that people were riding 4-wheelers on the trail after dark. Public works is going to install a gate and install signage to notify residents that the trail is closed after dark.
2. Alakoko Place – Councilmember asked about the rear ditch on this property. A work order was issued to Public Works. Due to equipment failure, this issue is currently on hold. PW expects to have the equipment fixed by Friday.
3. Mauna Loa Outfall Ditch – A councilmember notified me that the major outfall ditch on Mauna Loa is filled with leaves and a few fallen trees. A work order was issued to Public Works.
4. Alapai Drive – Residents concerned about several trees down near the property of the new road. I have asked the engineer to address this with the contractor. They are to clean all trees they have damaged and prepare the site for phase 2 work.
5. Maili Way – Resident asked about trees that were cut down on her property. This was done by Coast Electric. I will contract them to make sure they remove the trees and stumps from the property. I also asked that they make sure the trees were within the utility easement.
6. Ala Moana Street – Councilmember notified me and the police chief of cars parked on the street. I have asked the police chief to make sure his officers address these issues as they see them.

7. USDA Contract – This is the same contract as in the past two years. It allows the city to deal with an issue if it arises in a timely manner. It is not the intent nor has it every been the intent of the city to remove healthy Canadian Geese.

Public Comments on Agenda Items.

William Parrish - Resident Canada Geese on Service Agreement with USDA

**Policy Agenda.**

**Minutes:**

1. Motion to approve the February 6, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.  
Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to approve the February 6, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Tabled Matters:**

2. **2023-274:** Motion to contribute up to \$40,000.00 for the Dog Park from the General Fund Balance. (Finley)  
**NO ACTION TAKEN**
3. **2023-408:** Discussion on whether or not donations that were made for the Diamondhead Dog Park Twin Lakes location can be refunded to the donors as it was stated at a prior city council meeting. (Depreo)  
**NO ACTION TAKEN**
4. **2024-028:** Motion to approve and enter into Cooperative Service Agreement with United States Department of Agriculture in an amount not to exceed for \$5,000 for wildlife management services as needed for the period January 22, 2024 through January 23, 2025.  
Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to move from the table motion to approve and enter into Cooperative Service Agreement with United States Department of Agriculture in an amount not to exceed for \$5,000 for wildlife management services as needed for the period January 22, 2024 through January 23, 2025.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion made by Mayor Depreo to amend motion to approve and enter into Cooperative Service Agreement with United States Department of Agriculture in an amount not to exceed for \$5,000 for wildlife management services as needed for the period January 22, 2024 through January 23, 2025 and remove Canadian geese from the contract.

**MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND**



Motion made by Mayor Depreo to discuss the amended motion to approve and enter into Cooperative Service Agreement with United States Department of Agriculture in an amount not to exceed for \$5,000 for wildlife management services as needed for the period January 22, 2024 through January 23, 2025 and remove Canadian geese from the contract.

**MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND**

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to approve and enter into Cooperative Service Agreement with United States Department of Agriculture in an amount not to exceed for \$5,000 for wildlife management services as needed for the period January 22, 2024 through January 23, 2025.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolutions:**

5. **2024-050:** Motion to adopt Resolutions 2024-006 thereby authorizing the preparation and submittal of an application for the FY24 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program for the Commercial District Transformation Project in the amount of \$11,000,000 (\$10,000,000 Federal Share), committing matching funds (\$1,000,000 Local Share) and for other related purposes.

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to adopt Resolutions 2024-006 thereby authorizing the preparation and submittal of an application for the FY24 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program for the Commercial District Transformation Project in the amount of \$11,000,000 (\$10,000,000 Federal Share), committing matching funds (\$1,000,000 Local Share) and for other related purposes.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

6. **2024-052 (2023-052):** Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-007 thereby acquiring by donation certain easements for the construction of a walking pier from Michael Casano and Purcell Co., Inc.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to adopt Resolution 2024-007 thereby acquiring by donation certain easements for the construction of a walking pier from Michael Casano and Purcell Co., Inc.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Consent Agenda:**

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

7. **2024-040 (2023-040):** Motion to accept and award low bid received from DNA Underground in the amount of \$693,445.00 for the 2024 Annual Unit Price Repair Contract.
8. **2024-041 (2023-041):** Motion to approve payments in the amount of \$195.00 to Digital Engineering for Beaux Vue Phase 2 Drainage Improvements, in the amount of \$797.50 and \$1,790.00 for Roadway Improvements Phase 4 and in the amount of \$26,975.00 and \$13,975.00 for the Bond Paving Project.
9. **2024-042:** Motion to approve final payment in the amount of \$17,251.58 to Huey P. Stockstill, LLC for the Diamondhead Roadway Improvements Phase 4.
10. **2024-043:** Motion to approve Pay Request 3 in the amount of \$229,540.80 to Warren Paving, Inc. for Diamondhead Bond Paving Project.
11. **2024-044:** Motion to approve payments to Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC in the amount of \$8,145.00 for Kalae Drainage Project, in the amount of \$7,150.00 for Diamondhead Dr East Drainage Project, in the amount of \$1,260.00 for Standard Specifications and Drawings, in the amount of \$1,100.00 for Subdivision Regulations Update, in the amount of \$2,100.00 for Kaleki Way Drainage, in the amount of \$1,600.00 for Turnberry Drainage Project, in the amount of \$7,700.00 for Bank Stabilization Project, in the amount of \$11,980.00 for Ahuli Drainage Project and in the amount of \$7,760.00 for Kolo Court Project.
12. **2024-045:** Motion to adopt the MEMA District 9 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
13. **2024-046:** Motion to purchase 1380 sq. ft. of Part of Lot 14, Blk. 11, Unit 1, Phase 2 of Diamondhead Subdivision (Ieke Drive) in the amount of \$1.50 per sq. ft. for a total purchase price of \$2,070.00 from Gerry Gilbert for a Permanent Drainage Easement.
14. **2024-047:** Motion to approve Pay Application 5 in the amount of \$167,890.21 to Bottom 2 Top Construction, LLC for the Commercial District Transformation Project Phase I.
15. **2024-048:** Motion to approve Pay Application 4 in the amount of \$262,907.76 to Moran Hauling Inc., for Noma Drive Improvements.
16. **2024-049:** Motion to approve payments to Chiniche Engineering & Surveying in the amount of \$6,395.00 for Canal Dredging, in the amount of \$2,075.00 for Pond Remediation, in the amount of \$4,012.50 for Noma Waterfront Improvements Phase 1B, in the amount of \$2,558.50 for Tidelands Nature Trail Planning, in the amount of \$8,449.25 for Montjoy Creek Nature Trail and in the amount of \$5,866.50 for Coon Branch Drainage.
17. **2024-051 (2023-051):** Motion to Authorize City Manager to obtain an updated appraisal for a portion of the Jenny Inc. Property and the RJD Management Property for potential acquisition of public right-of-way.
18. **2024-053 (2023-053):** Motion to approve Work Assignment under the Master Service Agreement with Chiniche Engineering & Surveying in the amount not to exceed \$18,500.00 for Pond D Drainage Improvements.
19. **2024-054:** Motion to accept low quote received from Wildflower Meadows, LLC in the amount of \$49,158.00 for 4092 Ceramic Reflectors for the roadways.



20. **2024-055:** Motion to accept and award low bid received from Moran Hauling, Inc. in the amount of \$246,570.00 for the Bayou Drive Drainage Project.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Action Agenda.**

21. **2024-039 (2023-039):** Motion to appoint Tracy Sheppard to the position of Planning & Zoning Commissioner Ward 2 for a four (4) year term beginning April 1, 2024. (Liese)

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to appoint Tracy Sheppard to the position of Planning & Zoning Commissioner Ward 2 for a four (4) year term beginning April 1, 2024.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Routine Agenda.**

**Claims Payable**

22. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT231479 - DKT231507) in the amount of \$1,078,206.94.

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to approve Docket of Claims (DKT231479 - DKT231507) in the amount of \$1,078,206.94.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Department Reports**

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to approve the following department reports.

- a. Police
- b. Court
- c. Code Enforcement
- d. Building

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

**MOTIN CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**Adjourn/Recess.**

At 7:07 p.m. with no further business to come before the council motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to adjourn.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

  
Nancy Depreo  
Mayor

  
Jeannie Klein  
City Clerk

