



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, March 21, 2023**  
**6:00 PM CST**  
Council Chambers, City Hall

**Call to Order**

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

Invocation

Councilmember Clark

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 2 Liese to adjust agenda adding a proclamation for World Down Syndrome Day and Judy Young with Coastal Mississippi Tourism to the Presentation Agenda.

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 April 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at City Hall.
- b. Proclamation – World Down Syndrome Day
- c. Judy Young – Coastal Mississippi Tourism
- d. Frank Bordeaux of Cadence Insurance - 2023 Insurance Renewals
- e. Ben Benvenuti, Covington Civil & Environmental Traffic Study Update

City Manager's Report

1. Bayou Drive Kayak Launch Repairs –The project is progressing with final details being completed. I visited the site on Monday; the contractor has completed the project and a punch-list visit will be scheduled soon to close-out the contract. The current contract end date is April 12<sup>th</sup>.
2. Lily Pond and I-10 Pond – The contractor has started dredging the Lily Pond. The rain last week has made the area a little more difficult to work, but the clay bottom to the pond is allowing for better working conditions. The current end date for the contract is July 17, 2023.
3. Park Ten Road – The City is waiting on the Will-Serve from DWSD before the project is advertised.
4. Phase 4 paving – The paving project is currently demobilized until the area around Bayou Circle is available to complete the project. The current end date of the project is April 16<sup>th</sup>.
5. Projects Review Committee – The first PRC meeting was held last week. Each entity discussed the various active projects as well as the upcoming projects.
6. Planning Commissioner Training – A reminder, the city will host a regional planning commissioner training session on April 6<sup>th</sup>. The training will be all day with Tom Hood, MS Ethics Commissioner, providing a lecture on basic ethical requirements, and followed by a legal session by Paul Watkins, City of Oxford attorney. I would like to thank Councilwoman Liese for facilitating this meeting.
7. Diamondhead Drive Paving – The City received 50% drawings from the engineering firm. The plans will be reviewed by the City Engineer. A copy of the drawings was also sent to the DWSD for their review.
8. Agenda 2023-178 – Work Assignment is titled Coon Branch Drainage Improvements, but it is for three projects, Drainage Area 41, Koloa Street @ Ala Moana Place, and Lots 7 & 8 Block 7 Phase 2.
9. Makiki Drive – The City Attorney will provide an update on this project.

Public Comments on Agenda Items -None

**Policy Agenda.**

**Minutes:**

1. Motion to approve the March 7, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve the March 7, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

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2. Motion to approve the March 16, 2023 Recess Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the March 16, 2023 Recess Meeting Minutes.

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

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**Consent Agenda:**

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve the following consent items:

3. **2023-171:** Motion to approve the purchase of two (2) Dodge Charger Police Pursuit Units through State Contract Pricing No. 8200065474 from Pine Belt Chrysler Dodge Cheep in the amount of \$34,717.00 each totaling 69,434.00 and to accept the low quote received from Dana Safety Supply for up fitting each amount of \$5,161.73 each totaling \$10,326.46 for a total purchase in the amount of \$79,757.46.
4. **2023-172:** Motion to approve payments to Digital Engineering in the amount of \$1,631.25 for Beau Vue Phase 2 Drainage Improvements and in the amount of \$74,882.50 for Bond Paving Project.
5. **2023-173:** Motion to approve payments to Chiniche Engineering & Surveying in the amount of \$4,233.00 for Canal Dredging, in the amount of \$5,709.50 for Noma Drive Dredging, in the amount of \$1,870.00 for Noma Drive Improvements and in the amount of \$4,372.50 and \$1,420.00 for Montjoy Creek Improvements.
6. **2023-174:** Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into the agreement for the 2023 Cruisin' The Coast event and to approve payment of the event fee in the amount of \$4,000.00.
7. **2023-176:** Motion to authorize the administration to renew and bind insurances with Cadence Insurance in the total combined amount of \$119,662.69 for property through Velocity in the amount of \$23,930.69, Inland Marine through Markel American Insurance in the amount of \$21,892.00, Equipment Breakdown through Hartford Steam Boiler in the amount of \$946.00 and through Travelers General Liability in the amount of \$12,988.00, Public Officials Liability in the amount of \$10,645.00, Business Auto in the amount of 438,928.00 and Crime and Cyber in the amount of \$10,333.00.
8. **2023-177:** Motion to accept the proposal of Wright Ward Hatten & Guel to perform annual auditing services for FY2022 in the amount of \$34,000, FY2023 in the amount of \$35,000 and FY2024 in the amount \$36,000 totaling \$105,000 and further to accept and approve the engagement letter for the FY22 annual audit.
9. **2023-178:** Motion to approve the selection of Chiniche Engineering as the engineer for the Coon Branch Drainage Improvements Project and to authorize the City Manager to secure the services through a Master Service Agreement Work Assignment in the amount of \$291,850.00.
10. **2023-179:** Motion to approve amendment to the Work Assignment 00-14-2021 with Pickering Firm in the amount of \$12,000.00 for the Makiki Drive Culvert Replacement Project for a total amount not to exceed \$62,600.00.

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

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**Routine Agenda.**

**Claims Payable**

- 11. Motion to approve Payroll Payables Claims DKT230504 - DKT230549 in the amount of \$42,541.84, PRCLAIM000153 in the amount of \$26,811.84, PRCLAIM000154 in the amount of \$25,898.89 and PRCLAIM000155 in the amount of \$2,523.58.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve Payroll Payables Claims DKT230504 - DKT230549 in the amount of \$42,541.84, PRCLAIM000153 in the amount of \$26,811.84, PRCLAIM000154 in the amount of \$25,898.89 and PRCLAIM000155 in the amount of \$2,523.58.

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

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- 12. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT230550-DKT230576) in the amount of \$242,054.99.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to approve Docket of Claims (DKT230550-DKT230576) in the amount of \$242,054.99.

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. Building Permits

Privilege License

Police Department

Court Department

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to approve Department Reports.

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

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

WORKSHOP - Discussion Architectural Review Committee

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**Adjourn/Recess.**

At 7:24 p.m. with no further action to come before the council, motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher 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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Nancy Depreo  
Mayor

  
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Jeannie Klein  
City Clerk

