



Mayor Liese	
Councilmember Maher	At-Large
Councilmember Finley	Ward 1
Councilmember Sheppard	Ward 2
Councilmember Harwood	Ward 3
Councilmember Clark	Ward 4

AGENDA
RECESS MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, July 29, 2025
5:00 PM CST
Council Chambers, City Hall
and via teleconference, if necessary

Call to Order.

Roll Call

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Presentation Agenda.

Public Comments on Agenda Items.

Council Comments.

Policy Agenda.

Resolutions:

- 1.** **2025-175:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-035 thereby authorizing an application to the Mississippi Development Authority for a FY26 Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Grant in the amount of \$2,400,000 (80% or \$2,000,000 GCRF share and 20% or \$400,000 local match funding) for the Commercial District Project, more specifically Kalani Drive to Veterans Drive and for other related purposes.

Action Agenda.

- 2.** **2025-176:** Motion to accept the form of the FY26 Budget, set the public hearing for August 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. and approve the advertisement providing public notice of same.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

Council Closing Comments

Executive Session - If Necessary

Adjourn/Recess.

NOTE: THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD WILL FURNISH APPROPRIATE AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES WHERE NECESSARY TO AFFORD INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY. A WRITTEN REQUEST BY OR ON BEHALF OF QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO THE CITY CLERK.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS (“APPLICANT”)) AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR FY26 GULF COAST RESTORATION FUNDS FOR THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT PROJECT, MORE SPECIFICALLY KALANI DRIVE TO VETERANS DRIVE, (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS “PROJECT”), COMMITTING THE NECESSARY NON-FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR SAID PROJECT, COMPLIANCE ASSUANCE OF THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD (APPLICANT) AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Diamondhead (APPLICANT) is submitting application to the Mississippi Development Authority for FY26 Gulf Coast Restoration Fund funding for Kalani Drive and Veterans Drive (project) in the amount of \$2,400,000 of which a federal share 80% for \$2,000,000 and,

WHEREAS, the commitment of local matching funds of at least twenty percent (20%) or \$400,000 (local share) is required for Gulf Coast Restoration Fund consideration; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Diamondhead further acknowledges that it will comply with all requirements and assurances established for Gulf Coast Restoration Fund projects; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that City of Diamondhead, hereby authorizes its City Manager, Jon McCraw, to prepare, execute and file the Kalani Drive to Veterans Drive application to the Mississippi Development Authority for FY26 Gulf Coast Restoration Funding and, be it further

RESOLVED, the City of Diamondhead is committing local match funding of 20% or \$400,000 for funding the Kalani Drive to Veterans Drive application; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the City of Diamondhead will comply with all requirements and assurances established for Gulf Coast Restoration Fund funded projects, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a signed copy of this resolution will be transmitted to the Mississippi Development Authority in conjunction with the filing of the project application for funding.

I, Anna Liese, Mayor hereby certify that the foregoing resolution of City Council was duly and regularly introduced by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of Diamondhead on the ____ day of _____, 2025 by the following vote to wit:

	Aye	Nay	Absent
Mayor Liese	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Finley	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Sheppard	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Harwood	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Clark	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Maher	_____	_____	_____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR
THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR 2026 FOR THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD MISSISSIPPI**

The City of Diamondhead will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for Fiscal Year 2026 at 6:00 p.m. on August 19, 2025 in Council Chambers at City Hall located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525.

The City of Diamondhead is now operating with projected total budget revenue of 5,884,739 (54 percent) or \$3,159,000 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year October 1, 2025 ending September 30, 2026, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$5,690,950. Of that amount, (60 percent) or \$3,411,000 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy. A millage rate of 28.89 will produce the same amount of revenue from ad valorem taxes collected in the prior year. The millage rate for the prior year was 29.5.

The decision to not increase the ad valorem tax millage rate for Fiscal Year 2026 above the current fiscal year's ad valorem tax millage rate means you will not pay more in ad valorem taxes on your home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property, unless the assessed value of your property has increased for Fiscal Year 2025.

Any citizen of the City of Diamondhead is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levies for Fiscal Year 2026 and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.

Jeannie Klein
City Clerk

- *The advertisement shall be no less than one-fourth (1/4) page in size*
- *Type used shall be no smaller than eighteen (18) point*
- *Surrounded by a one-fourth-inch solid black border.*
- *The advertisement may not be placed in that portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements appear.*

Please run add on the following dates:

August 7, 2025

August 14, 2025