

**RECESSED MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
FY16 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
Diamondhead, Mississippi
Council Chambers, City Hall
August 26, 2015
6:00 pm CST**

I. Mayor Schafer called for a motion to reconvene. Councilmember Rech moved to reconvene, Councilmember LaFontaine seconded. Call to Order –Mayor Schafer then called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. CST

1. Invocation – Councilmember Sislow

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilmember Rech

3. Roll Call –

Present: Mayor Schafer and Councilmembers, LaFontaine, Knobloch, Sislow and Rech.

Absent: Councilmember Lopez.

4. **Confirmation or Adjustment of the Agenda Order** – Councilmember Sislow moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to accept the Agenda Order.

Ayes: LaFontaine, Knobloch, Rech, Sislow and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None. Absent: Lopez.

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II. Communications/Announcements from the Mayor and Council

- a. 6 p.m., Tuesday, September 1, 2015 in Council Chambers located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle.
- b. A Special Called Meeting of City Council will be held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 in Council Chambers to Adopt the Budget
- c. Thursday, September 3rd is Diamondhead Night with the Biloxi Shuckers. Discount tickets are available. For information visit the City's website or contact City Hall.
- d. City Hall will be closed Monday, September 7, 2015 in observance of Labor Day.

Councilmember Lopez arrived and joined the meeting during the public hearing.

III. Mayor Schafer welcomed those present and outlined procedures for the FY16 Budget Public Hearing.

IV. Presentation FY16 Budget and Tax Levy

City Manager Reed conducted a power presentation outlining the proposed FY16 Budget for the City of Diamondhead. The projected FY16 Budget of \$7,269,925 includes projected revenue and expenditures for all departments for the ensuing fiscal year. An overview of operating costs for each department was provided with FY15 highlights including streets and drainage projects as well equipment purchased.

V. Public Comments – FY16 Proposed Budget

Mayor Schafer called aloud for public comments on the FY16 Proposed Budget.

City Manager Reed responded to questions from the audience. One questioned proposed was the increase in the public works budget to which he explained is the result of new positions and the Live Oak Drive Phase 2.

VI. 2015-112: Accept the FY16 Budget

Councilmember Lopez moved, seconded by Councilmember LaFontaine, to accept the FY16 Budget for the City of Diamondhead as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Lopez, LaFontaine, Knobloch, Rech, Sislow and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None. Absent: None.
(BUDGET IS REPRODUCED AT THE END OF THESE MINUTES AND MADE A PART THEREOF.)

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VII. 2015-113: Resolution 2015-020 -Levy Millage for FY16

Councilmember Sislow moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to resolve determining under the general authority as recited in MS Code §21-33-45 to set the tax levy at 34.00 mills to meet the needs of the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Lopez, LaFontaine, Knobloch, Rech, Sislow and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None. Absent: None.
(RESOLUTION IS REPRODUCED AT THE END OF THESE MINUTES AND MADE A PART THEREOF.)

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VIII. Special Presentation

Mayor Schafer, Councilmembers and City Manager presented a Certificate of Commendation to Councilmember LaFontaine recognizing the councilman for his service to the City of Diamondhead and congratulating him as Republican nominee unopposed in the

General Election for Hancock County Board of Supervisors District Three. Also, City Manager Reed read aloud and presented a letter from Governor Phil Bryant to Councilmember LaFontaine expressing his congratulations and acknowledging the councilman's devotion to public service. A reception in honor of Councilmember LaFontaine was held in the Activity Center immediately following adjournment.

IX. Adjourn

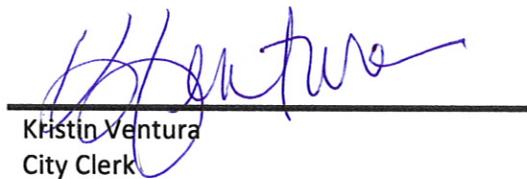
With no further business to come before the Mayor and Council at this time, at 6:31 p.m. CST Councilmember Lopez moved, seconded by Councilmember Sislow, to adjourn.

Ayes: Lopez, LaFontaine, Rech, Sislow, Knobloch and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None. Abstain: None.

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Thomas E. Schafer, IV
Mayor



Kristin Ventura
City Clerk