

**MINUTES**  
**FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**  
**Diamondhead, Mississippi**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall**  
**March 21, 2017**  
**6:00 pm CST**

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**I. Call to Order** – Mayor Schafer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. CST

1. Invocation – Mayor Schafer
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilmember Rech

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3. Roll Call –  
Present: Mayor Schafer, Councilmembers Depreo, Woolbright, Knobloch, Sislow and Rech.  
Absent: None.
4. Confirmation or Adjustment of the Agenda Order – Mayor Schafer moved, seconded by Councilmember Depreo, to accept and approve the agenda with the following adjustments:

Add:

4. g. Discussion of political signs.

Ayes: Depreo, Woolbright, Knobloch, Sislow, Rech and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUS**

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**II. Presentation Agenda**

1. Council Comments
  - a. The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. CST on April 4, 2017 in Council Chambers located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle.
  - b. David Motz, Commander, explained that VFW Post 2880 has secured the Vietnam Moving Wall to be displayed in Diamondhead. The wall will be on exhibit October 26 – 29, 2017 at City Hall. The Vietnam Moving Wall was constructed in 1983 and has been displayed around the country, however, Motz pointed out this will be the first time the Wall will be erected on the Coast.
  - c. Penny Crawford of Diamondhead Garden Club presented the Spring Pilgrimage Brochure. She reminded everyone the April 12<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9-noon Diamondhead can expect tourist visiting the City. The Garden Club will be presenting a Small Standard Flower Show during this time.

## **2. City Manager's Report**

### **Public Meeting:**

The public meeting was a success yesterday evening. We had about 40 people that came through, most took their time and seemed to enjoy the displays and the opportunity to ask questions directly to the specific project engineers. The one project that has 100% support is the lighting of the interstate interchange. I have provided you with copies of the sign in sheets and comment cards.

### **Public Works:**

Phase II of Live Oak Dr. began this week. This phase will concentrate on the drainage of the road primarily. We are coordinating with the DWSD to allow them to make repairs while the road is under construction. The crews have started their spring mowing schedule throughout the City. The striping truck is back in operation and striping has been applied to Maini Way, Moanalua Way, Diamondhead Dr East, Kailua Place and Anahola Place. The newly paved roads have been prepped for striping.

### **Public Safety:**

In February we had 152 traffic stops, 6 traffic arrests and issued 68 traffic citations including 4 for reckless driving and 5 drunk drivers. We still have suspicious people or vehicles in Diamondhead, 28 in the month of February alone. The full report can be obtained upon request.

### **Election News:**

Voting has begun!! Absentee voting began in City Hall yesterday March 20<sup>th</sup> and will be available in person until April 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm.

The Diamondhead Republican Party Executive Committee is hosting a public forum for candidates on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30pm here at City Hall. The public is highly encouraged to attend.

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## **3. Public Comments on Agenda Items –**

Mark Duffy addressed the Council regarding the City's participating in the upcoming Bicentennial Event to be held March 31 – April 1. Duffy, serving as parade coordinator for the event explained that Diamondhead has not expressed any interest in participating. Explaining that all Coastal cities have already signed up to participate and pointed out that Diamondhead was the only non-committed city.

**III. Policy Agenda.**

- 1. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. March, 2017 Formal Meeting

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Sislow, to approve the Minutes of the March 7, 2017 Formal Meeting.

Ayes: Depreo, Woolbright, Knobloch, Rech, Sislow and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Agenda:

- a. **2017-138**: Motion to approve final payment in the amount of \$707.50 to Professional Grant Management Services, LLC for grant administration in relation to East Aloha Access Road (SMLP Grant).

Councilmember Sislow moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to approve final payment in the amount of \$707.50 to Professional Grant Management Services, LLC for grant administration in relation to East Aloha Access Road (SMLP Grant).

Ayes: Woolbright, Knobloch, Rech and Sislow. Nays: Depreo and Mayor Schafer. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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- b. **2017-143**: Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$114,484.94 to Hancock Bank representing final payment for the 2012 Lease Purchase Note.

Councilmember Sislow moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to approve payment in the amount of \$114,484.94 to Hancock Bank representing final payment for the 2012 Lease Purchase Note.

Ayes: Depreo, Woolbright, Knobloch, Rech, Sislow and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- c. **2017-145:** Motion to approve MS Development Authority Bond Grant Program Report for East Aloha Road Extension (SM-15-709).

Councilmember Sislow moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to approve MS Development Authority Bond Grant Program Report for East Aloha Road Extension (SM-15-709).

Ayes: Depreo, Woolbright, Knobloch, Rech, Sislow and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- d. **2017-146:** Motion to approve the Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, Morreale Construction, in the amount of \$259,950.00 for the Kome Dr. Drainage Project and to authorize issuance of Notice to Proceed.

Councilmember Sislow moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to approve the Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, Morreale Construction, in the amount of \$259,950.00 for the Kome Dr. Drainage Project and to authorize issuance of Notice to Proceed.

Ayes: Depreo, Woolbright, Knobloch, Rech, Sislow and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- e. **2017-147:** Motion to approve payment to James J. Chiniche, P.A., Inc. in the amount of \$6,770.50 for engineering services relating to the Kome Dr. Drainage Project.

Councilmember Depreo moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to approve payment to James J. Chiniche, P.A., Inc. in the amount of \$6,770.50 for engineering services relating to the Kome Dr. Drainage Project.

Ayes: Depreo, Woolbright, Knobloch, Rech, Sislow and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- f. **2017-148**: Motion to approve payment to James J. Chiniche, P.A., Inc. in the amount of \$5,499.00 for engineering services relating to the Rotten Bayou Kayak Launch.

Councilmember Depreo moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to approve payment to James J. Chiniche, P.A., Inc. in the amount of \$5,499.00 for engineering services relating to the Rotten Bayou Kayak Launch.

Ayes: Depreo, Woolbright, Knobloch, Rech, Sislow and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- g. **2017-149**: Motion to approve payment to James J. Chiniche, P.A., Inc. in the amount of \$3,791.00 for engineering services relating to the Vaught Circle Kayak Launch.

Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to approve payment to James J. Chiniche, P.A., Inc. in the amount of \$3,791.00 for engineering services relating to the Vaught Circle Kayak Launch.

Ayes: Depreo, Woolbright, Knobloch, Rech, Sislow and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- h. **2017-150**: Motion to approve Budget Amendment 2017-009 (Entries 1 and 2) to allocate for receipts and expenditures for the Golf Club Drive Roundabout Grant Project now being funded in FY17.

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to approve Budget Amendment 2017-009 (Entries 1 and 2) to allocate for receipts and expenditures for the Golf Club Drive Roundabout Grant Project now being funded in FY17.

Ayes: Woolbright, Knobloch, Rech, Sislow and Mayor Schafer. Nays: Depreo. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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At this time, Councilmember Depreo and Mayor Schafer recused themselves and exited Council Chambers. Mayor Pro-Tem Knobloch presided over the meeting.

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3. Resolutions:

- a. **2017-140:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2017-012 Requesting assistance from Diamondhead Water and Sewer District under the interlocal agreement a city project mail out to residents and property owners.

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Sislow, to adopt Resolution Requesting assistance from Diamondhead Water and Sewer District under the interlocal agreement a city project mail out to residents and property owners.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Woolbright, Knobloch, Rech and Sislow. Nays: None. Recusals: Depreo and Mayor Schafer.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Councilmember Depreo and Mayor Schafer reentered Council Chambers and the meeting resumed.

4. Action Agenda:

- a. **2017-134:** Motion to approve to advertise for bids for Rotten Bayou Enhancement Hiking/Biking Trail and Kayak Launches.

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to approve to advertise for bids for Rotten Bayou Enhancement Hiking/Biking Trail and Kayak Launches.

Ayes: Depreo, Woolbright, Knobloch, Rech, Sislow and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- b. **2017-140:** Motion for discussion/possible action regarding the renaming of Gex Drive to Veteran’s Drive.

Councilmember Sislow moved, seconded by Councilmember Woolbright, to rename East Aloha Drive Extension to Veterans Drive.

Ayes: Depreo, Woolbright, Knobloch, Rech, Sislow and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- c. **2017-141:** Motion for discussion/possible action regarding City of Diamondhead participation in the Bicentennial Celebration to be held at Centennial Plaza on March 31 and April 1, 2017.

Councilmember Sislow moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to authorize the use of Humvees and/or a police unit to participate in the Bicentennial Celebration at a cost not to exceed \$1000.

Ayes: Depreo, Woolbright, Knobloch, Rech, Sislow and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**  
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- d. **2017-142:** Motion for discussion and action regarding the Comprehensive Plan as it related to the resort/gaming zoning.

Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Sislow, for discussion regarding the Comprehensive Plan as it relate to the resort/gaming zoning.

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**  
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- e. **2017-144:** Motion for discussion possible action regarding changing date and or time of May 2, 2017 Formal Council Meeting due to 2017 Primary Election.

Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to change the time for the May 2, 2017 meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. due to the use of Council Chambers for 2017 Primary Election and further to limit the agenda to the docket and necessary items only.

Ayes: Depreo, Woolbright, Knobloch, Sislow, Rech and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**  
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- e. Discussion of political signs.

A discussion was held with regard to the placement of political signs in the business area as well as in the public right of ways. Councilmember Sislow suggested that any candidates having non-conforming signs in the business area as well as in the public right of way be removed.

**IV. Routine Agenda.**

1. Motion to approve March 15, 2017 Payroll Payables, including benefits and taxes in the amount of \$52,820.59.
2. Motion to approve the Docket of Claims (Claims– DKT153403– DKT153445) excluding Claim DKT153407 to Columbia Cascade in the amount of \$14,385.00
3. Motion to approve February 2017 Financials.

Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to approve the March 15, 2017 Payroll Payables, including benefits and taxes in the amount of \$52,820.59 and the Docket of Claims (Claims DKT153403– DKT153445) excluding Claim DKT153407 to Columbia Cascade in the amount of \$14,385.00 and February 2017 Financials.

Ayes: Depreo, Woolbright, Knobloch, Sislow, Rech and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None.  
 Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**V. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items –**

Jessica Treadgill addressed the Council regarding drainage on Diamondhead Dr. West. She stated her home has flooded on several occasions. She asked the Council to look at the drainage issues around her home. Water from multiple directions drains through her yard and resulted several inches of water in her home.

Lynn Smith of WQRZ/WQRG addressed the Council regarding the only local broadcasting station. She asked the Council to consider supporting the efforts of the local radio and emergency broadcasting with a \$5000 contribution.



Eddy Lee address the Council regarding the Army Corp Permit for Devil's Elbow dredging. He had become aware the permit issued some time ago had expired. He urged the Council to request the Army Corps reinstate the permit since the permit was issued to County prior to Diamondhead's incorporation.

Penny Crawford addressed the Council regarding cutting of the pine trees on I-10 near the air strip. She stated the trees have been cut for some time but no one has picked them up. With grass cutting season upon us, she asked if the City was involved in the cutting and if not, who be responsible for picking up the cut trees.


Ed Roundtree addressed the Council regarding the sign ordinance. He urged the Council to follow and enforce the ordinance for all signage.

**VII. Adjourn/Recess**

At 7:25 p.m. CST and with no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Depreo moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to adjourn.

Ayes: Depreo, Woolbright, Knobloch, Sislow, Rech and Mayor Schafer. Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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Thomas E. Schafer, IV  
Mayor



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Jeannie Klein  
City Clerk