

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR WETLANDS DELINEATION AND OTHER DUE DILIGENCE PURPOSES FOR THE POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR UNDEVELOPED COMMERCIAL AREAS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City is currently updating its Master Plan to include an expansion of its existing commercial district and construction of I-10 frontage roads on non-municipal-owned properties for future development; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has applied for, received and expended grants funds for planning and connectivity studies in the specified area; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council on July 16, 2019 authorized the City Manager to negotiate Memorandums of Understanding with respective property owners for rights of ways and to contract for professional services for surveying, wetlands delineation and other due diligence efforts for proposed I-10 frontage roads: and

**WHEREAS**, the City has submitted applications to the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund and Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Fund for roadways and commercial area transformation for these I-10 frontage roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has entered into said Memorandums of Understanding with respective property owners and has secured quotes for wetland delineation services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City finds that the development of infrastructure for non-municipal-owned undeveloped areas of the commercial district is beneficial and would be in the best interest of the residents of the City of Diamondhead.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Mayor and Council do hereby find the City has secured the necessary rights of entry to perform due diligence in the purchase or acquisition of property for infrastructure development and the City wishes to continue its due diligence in working with property owners in assessing land to determine suitability for potential rights of way construction and commercial development; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Mayor and Council also find, that in order to complete due diligence for the project that will benefit the city in its development of undeveloped land, it is necessary

to authorize city manager to proceed with the procurement of professional services for surveying, wetlands delineation and other due diligence efforts and further to authorize the expenditure of funds within the authority vested in the City Manager for such purposes.

**RESOLVED**, this the 19 day of May, 2020.

The above and foregoing resolution, after having been first reduced to writing, was introduced by Councilmember Depreo, seconded by Councilmember Morgan and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Depreo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	___	___
Councilmember Moran	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	___	___
Councilmember Morgan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	___	___
Councilmember Clark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	___	___
Councilmember L'Ecuyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	___	___
Mayor Schafer	___	<u>Abstained</u>	

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of all of the members of the Governing Body, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted, this the 19 day of May, 2020.

ATTEST: Jeannie Klein  
JEANNIE KLEIN, CITY CLERK

Thomas E. Schafer, IV  
THOMAS E. SCHAFER, IV, MAYOR

(SEAL)



