

**NATCHITOCHEs CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.**

A G E N D A

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **INVOCATION**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2009**
5. **PROCLAMATIONS:**
 - #089 McCain** Constitution Week - Coleen Lancaster
 - #090 Morrow** Ryan Dobson Day (Women's Resource Center) -
Becky Stewart & Claire Weaver
 - #096 Payne** APHN Children's Historical Walking Tour Week – Patti Walker
 - #097 Nielsen** Resource Conservation and Development Week – James Scarborough
6. **BIDS – REJECT:**
 - #093 Mims** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Reject the Bids Received for the Rehabilitation of the Grand Ecore Sewer Lift Station (Bid No. 0484)
7. **BIDS – OPEN:**
 - #051 Mims** Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches to Open the Bids for the Purchase of Potassium Permanganate for the Water Treatment Plant (Bid #0485)
Committee: Pat Jones, Edd Lee, Larry Payne, Bryan Wimberly
 - #052 Mims** Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches to Open the Bids for the Purchase of Two (2) KV Circuit Breakers for the Dixie Street Substation (Bid #0486)
Committee: Pat Jones, Edd Lee, Larry Payne, Bryan Wimberly
8. **BIDS - ADVERTISE:**
 - #091 Morrow** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Advertise for the Improvements to the Ben Johnson Park, Phase II – Basketball Courts (Bid #0490)
Committee: Pat Jones, Edd Lee, Sylvia Morrow, Frank Griffin
 - #092 Payne** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Advertise for the Improvements to the Ben Johnson Park, Phase II – Concession Building and Park Equipment (Bid #0491)
 - #094 McCain** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Advertise and Accept Bids for the Rehabilitation of the Grand Ecore Sewer Lift Station (Bid #0489)
Committee: Pat Jones, Edd Lee, Larry Payne, Bryan Wimberly, Randal Smoak, Engineer
 - #095 Nielsen** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Advertise and Accept Bids for Purchase of Fifteen (15) In-Car Mobile Cameras (Bid No. 0488)
Committee: Pat Jones, Edd Lee, Larry Payne, Mickey Dove
9. **PLANNING & ZONING - INTRODUCTION:**
 - #053 Payne** An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 64 Of 2001 By Changing Zoning Classification Of Property Described As Follows:

West 60 Feet Of Lot 29 Of Springville Addition From B-2 To B-3 For The Placement Of A Mobile Home. Variance Requested:
Variance Of (5) Feet Of The Required (25) Feet Front Yard Setback And (8) Feet Of The Required (25) Feet Rear Yard Setback
(Douglas Lee - 1191 Dorothy Street)

- #054 McCain** An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 64 Of 2001 By Changing Zoning Classification Of Property Described As Follows:
- Lot N Side Ragan St., N By Tauzin, W By DeBlieux, E By Chaplin & Rachal, & Further Shown On Plat In Book 341, Pg. 76 As Beginning At A Point On North Side Regan St. & Designated As Point 1 Thence 83.1 Ft. To Pt. 2, Thence 60.2 Ft., Thence NE 51.16 Ft., Thence 103.6 Ft. To Point 4, Thence 199 Ft. To Point 5, Thence 200 Feet To Point, Thence 82.9 Ft. To Pt. Of Beg. Shown As Tract "A" On Plat In CB 541, Pg. 704 From R-1 To R-2 To Construct Town Houses - 5 Units
(Nicholas Page - 310 Ragan Street)
- #055 Payne** An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 64 Of 2001 By Changing Zoning Classification Of Property Described As Follows:
- Lot 48 of Springville Addition from R-1 to R-1, SPECIAL EXCEPTION, Variance of off-street parking requirements
(Greater New Hope Ministry – 1218 Greenville Street)
- #056 McCain** An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 64 Of 2001 By Changing Zoning Classification Of Property Described As Follows:
- Lot Having Front Of 65.52 Ft. On S Side of Poete Street As Shown on A Plat In Map Slide 619b From R-1 To R-1, Special Exception To Operate Bed & Breakfast Establishments
(Carol Gregorek - 215 & 217 Poete Street)
- #057 McCain** An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 64 Of 2001 By Changing Zoning Classification Of Property Described As Follows:
- Lot "A-1" Having A Front Of 116.2 Ft. On West Side Williams Ave., N By T. L. Miller, S By Harper, W By Cane River Lake Being Shown On Map Slide 366-B From R-1 To R-1, Special Exception To Host Special Events/Weddings
(Carol Gregorek - 330 Williams Ave.)
- #058 McCain** An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 64 Of 2001 By Changing Zoning Classification Of Property Described As Follows:
- Lot 100 Ft. Front West Side Second St. Bound N By Carroll And South By Monk From B-2 Special Exception To R-1, Special Exception To Provide Foster Care For Children And Adolescents
(Thomas Palmer - 336 Second Street)

10. ORDINANCE – FINAL:

- #050 Nielsen** An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor Of The City Of Natchitoches, Louisiana, To Enter Into A Cooperative Endeavor Agreement With Victor Jones, Sheriff Of Natchitoches Parish, Whereby The City Of Natchitoches And The Sheriff Of Natchitoches Parish Will Cooperate In A Truancy Program With The City Of Natchitoches Contributing Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars For The Fiscal Year In Exchange For The Benefit To The Citizens Of The City Of Natchitoches

- 11. ADD #098** Resolution In Support of the LA Economic Development's LA Dev
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009, AT SEVEN O'CLOCK, (7:00) P.M.

The City Council of the City of Natchitoches met in legal and regular session at the Natchitoches Arts Center, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on Monday, September 14, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

There were present: Councilman at Large, Don Mims, Jr., Councilmen; Jack McCain, Larry Payne, Dale Nielsen and Councilwoman Sylvia Morrow

The Mayor welcomed those in attendance and also the radio audience.

The Mayor asked everyone to rise for the Invocation given by Mr. Michael Braxton, Director of Public Works, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Mr. Nielsen.

The Mayor then called for the reading of the Minutes. Mr. McCain made a motion to dispense with the Reading of the Minutes, and Ms. Morrow seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: McCain, Morrow, Payne, Nielsen, Mims
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The Mayor declared the Motion as PASSED.

The Meeting continued with Proclamations, as follows:

The following Resolution was Introduced by Mr. McCain and Seconded by Mr. Nielsen as follows, to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 089 OF 2009

PROCLAMATION

**DECLARING SEPTEMBER 17 THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 23, 2009 AS CONSTITUTION WEEK**

WHEREAS, on September 17, 1787, delegates of the United States to the Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution and sent it to the states for ratification; and

WHEREAS the states, in the collective wisdom of their citizens, insisted on appending a Bill of Rights to the Constitution; and

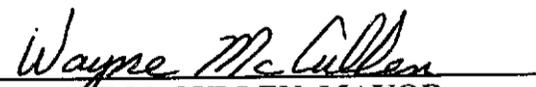
WHEREAS, in remembrance of the signing of the Constitution and in recognition of the Americans who strive to uphold the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, the U. S. Congress in 1952 designated September 17 as **Citizenship Day**, and by joint resolution of August 2, 1956, requested that the President proclaim the week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as "**Constitution Week**".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wayne McCullen, Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, do hereby proclaim **September 17, 2009**, as **Citizenship Day** and **September 17 through 23, 2009** as **Constitution Week** and encourage Federal, State, and local officials, as well as leaders of civic, social, and educational organizations, to conduct ceremonies and programs that celebrate our Constitution and reaffirm our commitment as citizens of our great Nation.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: McCain, Nielsen, Mims, Morrow, Payne
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, the Mayor, Wayne McCullen, declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 ayes to 0 nays, this the 14th day of September 2009.



WAYNE McCULLEN, MAYOR

The following Resolution was Introduced by Ms. Morrow and Seconded by Mr. Payne as follows, to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 090 OF 2009

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, The Women's Resource Center, a pregnancy help medical clinic, was founded in 1989 as a non-profit organization to offer services, assistance and guidance to young women facing difficult life situations most often due to unplanned pregnancies; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, the Women's Resource Center became a Pregnancy Help Medical Clinic that offered material assistance as well as obstetrical, ultrasound, prenatal education, breastfeeding assistance and post partum follow-up; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Women's Resource Center consists of trained volunteers, including registered nurses, as well as the donated time of Dr. Martin Aviles who oversees medical issues of the Center; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Resource Center is the largest organization of its type and scope in central Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Resource Center will be hosting the annual "**Celebration of Life**" fundraising gala on Thursday, September 24, 2009 at the Natchitoches Events Center at which Mr. Ryan Dobson, son of Dr. James and Shirley Dobson will be the keynote speaker; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches wishes to honor Mr. Dobson in his life crusades and taking time from his busy schedule to promote the mission of the Women's Resource Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WAYNE McCULLEN, Mayor of the City of Natchitoches hereby proclaim, Thursday, September 24, 2009, as

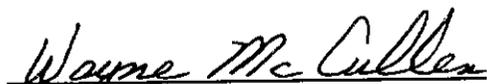
RYAN DOBSON DAY

in the City of Natchitoches in honor of the dedication and contributions of Mr. Dobson.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Morrow, Payne, Nielsen, Mims, McCain
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, the Mayor, Wayne McCullen, declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 ayes to 0 nays, this the 14th day of September, 2009.


WAYNE McCULLEN, MAYOR

The Following Resolution was Introduced by Mr. Payne and Seconded by Mr. Mims as follows, to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 096 OF 2009

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches ("APHN") goals are to protect areas of historic value which include the preservation of plantations, old homes, artifacts, archives, cultures of the people, French, Spanish and Creole architecture; and

WHEREAS, one of the most important goals of APHN is to afford school children an opportunity to become involved and experience "first hand" the areas that have been restored, or in the process of restoration, and to enable the children to understand the importance of historic presentation; and

WHEREAS, the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches will host the Annual Children's Historical Walking Tour the week of September 21-25, 2009; and

WHEREAS, there will be approximately 650 Natchitoches Parish third grade students and teachers participating in this year's tour; and

WHEREAS, The Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches Calico Ladies will assist teachers and students as they serve as interpreters for these students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Wayne McCullen, Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, that the week of September 21-25, 2009 be proclaimed as

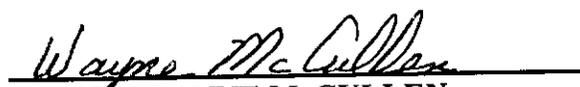
***APHN CHILDREN'S
HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR WEEK***

in the City of Natchitoches.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Payne, Mims, McCain, Morrow, Nielsen
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, the Mayor, Wayne McCullen, declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 ayes to 0 nays, this the 14th day of September, 2009.


MAYOR WAYNE McCULLEN

The following Resolution was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mr. Payne as follows, to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 097 OF 2009

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, September 20-26, 2009 coincides with the anniversary of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1962, which established the Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program; and

WHEREAS, the RC&D Program was created to conserve natural resources and develop the social and economic well-being of rural communities through the work of volunteer driven RC&D Councils with assistance provided by all facets of the United States Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, each of the 375 RC&D Councils, by providing a focal point of local leadership and community engagement, have brought together private citizens, grassroots organizations, as well as local, state and federal agencies to accomplish projects from the local to the national level; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of RC&D Councils have improved the economy, environment and living standards of this city; and

WHEREAS, RC&D Councils have successfully brought a return of \$7.50 for every dollar the federal government has provided and have enabled the communities they serve to achieve many other essential ends, including:

- Creating and retaining businesses, especially small, entrepreneurial enterprises;
- Creating new jobs and helping people learn new skills;
- Protecting wildlife habitat, enhancing water quality, and preserving agricultural land;
- Assisting and empowering economically or socially disadvantaged people nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the mission of RC&D Councils to deliver coordinated resource conservation and rural development assistance throughout America remains as important today as it was at its inception; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of RC&D Councils illustrate the potential of volunteer organizations in this city.

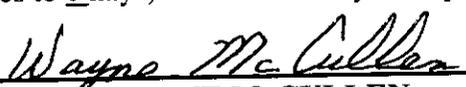
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the many important contributions of RC&D Councils, I, Mayor Wayne McCullen, do hereby proclaim the week of September 20-26, 2009 as:

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT WEEK

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Payne, Nielsen, Mims, McCain, Morrow
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, the Mayor, Wayne McCullen, declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 ayes to 0 nays, this the 14th day of September, 2009.


MAYOR WAYNE McCULLEN

The meeting continued with Bids, as follows:

Mr. Mims noted that the first bid is actually a rejection.

The following Resolution was Introduced by Mr. Mims and Seconded by Ms. Morrow as follows, to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 093 OF 2009

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
REJECT THE BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE REHABILITATION
OF THE GRAND ECORE SEWER LIFT STATION**

(BID NO. 0484)

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2009, the City passed Resolution No. 082 to advertise for Public Bids for the Rehabilitation of the Grand Ecore Sewer Lift Station (Bid No. 0484); and

WHEREAS, advertisement was duly published in the *Natchitoches Times* on July 31, August 7 and August 14, 2009; and

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Natchitoches Purchasing Department on August 24, 2009; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on August 24, 2009 at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting, as follows:

1) McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc.	\$ 169,600.00
2) Milco Utilities, Inc.	\$ 151,556.00
3) Python Corporation	No Bid Received

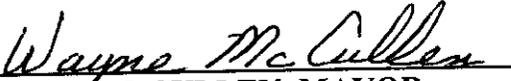
WHEREAS, after the bids were evaluated by the appointed committee, it was unanimously decided that it is in the best interest of the City of Natchitoches to reject Bid No. 0484 for the rehabilitation of the Grand Ecore Lift Station. The designer's estimate for the project was \$95,000.00. After consideration and discussion it was agreed upon by the appointed committee that the bids be rejected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the Honorable Wayne McCullen, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to withdraw Bid No. 0484 for the rehabilitation of the Grand Ecore Sewer Lift Station.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Mims, Morrow, Payne, Nielsen, McCain
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, the Mayor, Wayne McCullen, declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 ayes to 0 nays, this the 14th day of September, 2009.


WAYNE McCULLEN, MAYOR



CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES

Oldest Settlement in the Louisiana Purchase

OFFICE OF PURCHASING

Wayne McCullen
Mayor **September 3, 2009**

Don Wims, Jr.
Councilman At **Mayor Wayne McCullen**

Jack McCain
Councilman
District 1 **City Hall**
Natchitoches, LA 71457

Dale Nielsen
Councilman
District 2 **Dear Mayor McCullen,**

Sylvia Morrow
Councilwoman
District 3 **The appointed committee of Pat Jones, Edd Lee, Bryan Wimberly and**
Larry Payne
Councilman
District 4 **Larry Payne has reviewed both bid proposals for the rehabilitation of**
the Grand Ecore Sewer Lift Station.

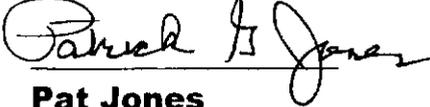
The committee was unanimous in its decision to reject the two bids received from, McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc. and Milco Utilities, Inc.

All bids are kept at the City Purchasing Department, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, LA 71457. Anyone desiring to view the bids may do so at that location.

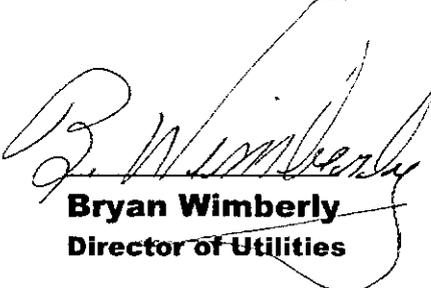
Request ratification of this rejection at the next meeting of the City Council.

Very truly yours,

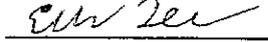
Larry Payne
Councilman Dist 4



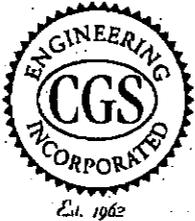
Pat Jones
Director of Finance



Bryan Wimberly
Director of Utilities



Edd Lee
Director of Purchasing



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September 3, 2009

Mr. Edd Lee
Department of Purchasing
City of Natchitoches
Post Office Box 37
Natchitoches, Louisiana 71458-0037

Re: Grand Ecore Lift Station Rehabilitation

Dear Mr. Lee:

We have reviewed the bids and compared them to our Construction Cost Estimate and the Utility Department cost expectations. Because the bids are significantly higher than our estimate, we recommend that all bids be rejected and the project be re-advertised.

We will make revisions to the scope of work in an attempt to reduce the cost of the project.

Sincerely,
COTHREN, GRAFF, SMOAK ENGINEERING, INC.

K. Randal Smoak, P.E.

KRS/sp

CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs
SEALED BID #0484

Rehabilitation of the Grand Ecore Sewer Lift Station

August 24, 2009

CONTRACTOR

AMOUNT OF BID

McINNIS BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, INC.
Minden, Louisiana

169,600.00

MILCO UTILITIES, INC.
Shreveport, Louisiana

151,556.00

PYTHON CORPORATION
Lacobe, Louisiana

No Bid Received

Designer's Estimate #95,000.00

COTHREN, GRAFF, SMOAK ENGINEERING, INC.
6305 Westport Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71129
318-687-3732

Mr. Mims made a motion that bids be opened and the Mayor Authorized to Award the Bid for the Purchase of Potassium Permanganate for the Water Treatment Plant, being Ordinance 51. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nielsen.

This motion was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Mims, Nielsen, McCain, Morrow, Payne
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The Mayor declared the motion as PASSED.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Mims and Seconded by Mr. Nielsen as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 051 OF 2009

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHEs TO OPEN THE BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF
POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

(BID NO. 0485)

BID INVITATION

DATE: August 10, 2009

FROM: City of Natchitoches
Purchasing Department
1400 Sabine Street
Natchitoches, LA 71457

BID NO. 0485

BID TITLE: Potassium Permanganate - Water Treatment Plant

SEALED BID PROPOSALS WILL BE
RECEIVED UNTIL 4PM,

September 14, 2009

AT THE OFFICE OF EDD LEE,
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING, 1400
SABINE STREET, NATCHITOCHEs, LA
71457.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:

Edd Lee
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING
(318) 357-3824

Mr. Mims made a motion that bids be opened and the Mayor Authorized to Award the Bid for the Purchase of Two (2) KV Circuit Breakers for the Dixie Street Substation, being Ordinance 52. The motion was seconded by Ms. Morrow.

This motion was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Mims, Morrow, Payne, Nielsen, McCain
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The Mayor declared the motion as PASSED.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Mims and Seconded by Ms. Morrow, as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 052 OF 2009

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHEs TO OPEN THE BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF
TWO (2) 69 KV CIRCUIT BREAKERS FOR THE DIXIE STREET SUBSTATION**

(BID NO. 0486)

BID INVITATION

DATE: August 10, 2009

FROM: City of Natchitoches
Purchasing Department
1400 Sabine Street
Natchitoches, LA 71457

BID NO. 0486

BID TITLE: (2) 69KV, Circuit Breakers for Dixie Street Substation.

SEALED BID PROPOSALS WILL BE
RECEIVED UNTIL 4PM,

September 14, 2009

AT THE OFFICE OF EDD LEE,
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING, 1400
SABINE STREET, NATCHITOCHEs, LA
71457 UNTIL 4:00 PM.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:

Edd Lee
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING
(318) 357-3824

The meeting continued with Bids, as follows:

The Following Resolution was Introduced by Ms. Morrow and Seconded by Mr. Nielsen as follows, to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 091 OF 2009

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE
FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BEN JOHNSON PARK
PHASE II – BASKETBALL COURTS**

(BID NO. 0490)

WHEREAS, the City wishes to advertise for Public Bids for the improvements to the Ben Johnson Park, Phase II, Basketball Courts (Bid No. 0490).

WHEREAS, sealed bid proposals will be received, opened and publically read aloud at **7:00 P.M.** on **Monday, October 12, 2009** at the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting which will be held at 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of proposals the committee of Pat Jones, Director of Finance; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Sylvia Morrow, Councilwoman; and Frank Griffin, Director of Recreation, are to review and make a recommendation of the bids received.

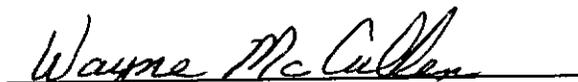
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the Honorable Wayne McCullen, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to order the publication of the above bid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above bids will be opened at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council on October 12, 2009.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Morrow, Nielsen, Mims, McCain, Payne
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, the Mayor, Wayne McCullen, declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 ayes to 0 nays, this the 14th day of September, 2009.



WAYNE McCULLEN, MAYOR

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

BID NO. 0490

**CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, LOUISIANA
(OWNER)**

Sealed Bids for BEN JOHNSON PARK – PHASE II – BASKETBALL COURTS will be received by the CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, LOUISIANA, at the CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 716 SECOND STREET, NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457 until 7:00 PM on MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2009 and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud.

The Instructions To Bidders, Bid Form, form of Bid Bond, Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, forms of Performance and Payment Bonds, Drawings, Specifications and other Contract Documents may be examined at the office of the Engineer at:

Nassif Engineering & Architecture, LLC
270 Blanchard Road
Natchitoches, LA 71457
(318) 527-4409

Copies may be obtained from the Engineer, Nassif Engineering and Architecture, LLC, 270 Blanchard Road, Natchitoches, LA 71457, (318) 527-4409, upon payment of \$100.00 for each set.

Each Bid is to be accompanied by Bid Security as provided in the Instructions To Bidders and General Conditions. No Bidder may withdraw his Bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of opening thereof, except as prescribed in Louisiana Revised Statute 38:2214.C. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any or all Bids for just cause.

Bidder shall provide necessary evidence of authority to sign Bids on behalf of corporations and other legal entities in accord with Louisiana Revised Statute 2212.O.

This project is classified as Municipal and Public Works Construction in accord with Louisiana Revised Statute 37:2163.

Date: September 14, 2009

/s/ Don Mims, Jr.
Mayor Pro-Tem

Publishing Dates:
Tuesday, September 15, 2009
Friday, September 25, 2009
Friday, October 2, 2009

The following Resolution was Introduced by Mr. Payne and Seconded by Ms. Morrow as follows, to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 092 OF 2009

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE
FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BEN JOHNSON PARK
PHASE II – CONCESSION BUILDING AND PARK EQUIPMENT**

(BID NO. 0491)

WHEREAS, the City wishes to advertise for Public Bids for the improvements to the Ben Johnson Park, Phase II, Concession Building and Park Equipment (Bid No. 0491).

WHEREAS, the advertising period will begin pending receiving a contract extension of the grant from the State of Louisiana, Office of State Parks; and

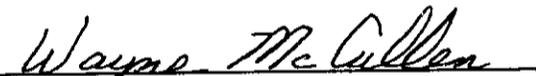
WHEREAS, the bid due date is contingent on the date the grant extension is received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the Honorable Wayne McCullen, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to order the publication of the above bid upon receiving a contract extension of the grant from the Office of the State of Louisiana, Office of State Parks.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Morrow, Payne, Nielsen, Mims, McCain
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, the Mayor, Wayne McCullen, declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 ayes to 0 nays, this the 14th day of September, 2009.


WAYNE McCULLEN, MAYOR

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, LOUISIANA
(OWNER)**

Sealed Bids for BEN JOHNSON PARK – PHASE II – CONCESSION BUILDING AND PARK EQUIPMENT will be received by the CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, LOUISIANA, at the CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 716 SECOND STREET, NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457 until 7:00 PM on _____ and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud.

The Instructions To Bidders, Bid Form, form of Bid Bond, Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, forms of Performance and Payment Bonds, Drawings, Specifications and other Contract Documents may be examined at the office of the Engineer at:

Nassif Engineering & Architecture, LLC
270 Blanchard Road
Natchitoches, LA 71457
(318) 527-4409

Copies may be obtained from the Engineer, Nassif Engineering and Architecture, LLC, 270 Blanchard Road, Natchitoches, LA 71457, (318) 527-4409, upon payment of _____ for each set.

Each Bid is to be accompanied by Bid Security as provided in the Instructions To Bidders and General Conditions. No Bidder may withdraw his Bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of opening thereof, except as prescribed in Louisiana Revised Statute 38:2214.C. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any or all Bids for just cause.

Bidder shall provide necessary evidence of authority to sign Bids on behalf of corporations and other legal entities in accord with Louisiana Revised Statute 2212.O.

This project is classified as Building Construction and Municipal and Public Works Construction in accord with Louisiana Revised Statute 37:2163.

Date: September 14, 2009

/s/ Don Mims, Jr.
Mayor Pro-Tem

Publishing Dates:

The following Resolution was Introduced by Mr. McCain and Seconded by Mr. Payne as follows, to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 094 OF 2009

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
ADVERTISE AND ACCEPT BIDS FOR THE REHABILITATION
OF THE GRAND ECORE SEWER LIFT STATION**

(BID NO. 0489)

WHEREAS, the City wishes to advertise for Public Bids for the rehabilitation of the Grand Ecore Sewer Lift Station (Bid No. 0489).

WHEREAS, sealed bid proposals for the project will be received until **4:00 P.M.** on **Monday, October 12, 2009** at the office of Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, bids will be publically opened and read aloud on **Monday, October 12, 2009** during the City Council meeting which begins at **7:00 P.M.**; and

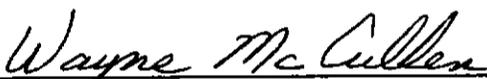
WHEREAS, upon receipt of bid proposals, the committee of Pat Jones, Director of Finance; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Larry Payne, Councilman; Bryan Wimberly, Utility Director; and Randal Smoak, Engineer, are to review and make a recommendation of the bids received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the Honorable Wayne McCullen, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to order the publication of the above bid.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: McCain, Payne, Nielsen, Mims, Morrow
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, the Mayor, Wayne McCullen, declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 ayes to 0 nays, this the 14th day of September 2009.



WAYNE McCULLEN, MAYOR

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals shall be addressed to the City of Natchitoches, Office of the Director of Purchasing, P. O. Box 37, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457, or received at the City of Natchitoches Purchasing Department, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana for the **Rehabilitation of the Grand Ecore Sewer Lift Station (Bid No. 0489)** as described in the Specifications and Drawings. The Contractor Classification for this project is **Municipal and Public Works**.

The City of Natchitoches will accept sealed bids for the project until 4:00 P.M. on October 12, 2009, at the office of the Director of Purchasing, 1400 Sabine Street. All bids shall be plainly marked "**SEALED BID No. 0489 - REHABILITATION OF THE GRAND Ecore SEWER LIFT STATION.**" Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud this same date at the 7:00 P.M. regularly scheduled City Council Meeting at the Natchitoches City Hall, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

If a NONRESIDENT CONTRACTOR bidding on public work in the State of Louisiana is domiciled in a state that provides a percentage preference in favor of CONTRACTORS for the same type work, then every Louisiana resident CONTRACTOR shall be granted the same preference over CONTRACTORS domiciled therein whenever the NONRESIDENT CONTRACTOR bids on public work in Louisiana (LA RS 38:2225). A CONTRACTOR who is a NONRESIDENT of the State of Louisiana must attach a copy of their State's law concerning preferential treatment and their State's percentage of bid preference. This information shall accompany CONTRACTOR'S bid proposal.

When a participating political subdivision lets a contract for a public works project that is to be administered by or paid for, in whole or in part, by said political subdivision's funds, the governing authority of the political subdivision may require, as a condition of letting the contract, that not less than eighty percent (80%) of the persons employed in fulfilling that contract be residents of the State of Louisiana (LA RS 38:2225).

Copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents are on file and open to public of Natchitoches, Office of the Director of Purchasing, 1400 Sabine Street, na 71457, and AGC Office, Shreveport, Louisiana.

*Patrick
Smoak
to email*

act Documents, including required Bid Forms may be obtained from the REN, GRAFF, SMOAK ENGINEERING, INC., 116 Highway 1 South, .ouisiana 71457, or 6305 Westport Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71129 nt in the amount of FORTY DOLLARS (\$40.00) per set. Checks should GS ENGINEERING, INC.

epted only from bidders who obtained bid documents from Cothren, Graff, SMOAK ENGINEERING, INC.

Deposits on the first set of documents furnished bona fide prime bidders will be fully refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids. On other sets of documents furnished to bidders, the amount of 0 DOLLARS (\$ 0) (the deposit less the actual cost of reproduction) will be refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids. No refund will be made to non-bidders or sub-bidders.

Each bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount, for and subject to the conditions provided in the *Information for Bidders*. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the Department of Treasury Circular 570.

The City of Natchitoches reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding.

CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs

By: /s/ Wayne McCullen
Title: Mayor

PUBLISH:

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The Following Resolution was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mr. Payne as follows, to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 095 OF 2009

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE
AND ACCEPT BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF FIFTEEN (15) IN-CAR MOBILE CAMERAS**

(BID NO. 0488)

WHEREAS, the City wishes to advertise for Public Bids for the purchase of fifteen (15) in-car mobile cameras (Bid No. 0488).

WHEREAS, sealed bid proposals will be received until **4:00 P.M. on Monday, October 12, 2009** at the office of Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing, City of Natchitoches Purchasing Department, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on **Monday, October 12, 2009** during the City Council meeting which begins at **7:00 P.M.**; and

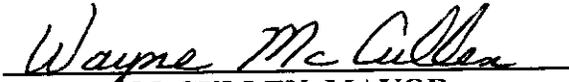
WHEREAS, upon receipt of proposals the committee of Pat Jones, Director of Finance; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Larry Payne, Councilman; and Chief Mickey Dove are to review and make a recommendation of the bids received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the Honorable Wayne McCullen, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to order the publication of the above bid.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Nielsen, Payne, Mims, McCain, Morrow
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Mims
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, the Mayor, Wayne McCullen, declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 ayes to 0 nays, this the 14th day of September, 2009.


WAYNE McCULLEN, MAYOR



CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES

Oldest Settlement in the Louisiana Purchase

OFFICE OF PURCHASING

Wayne McCullen **BID INVITATION**
Mayor

Don Mims, Jr.
Councilman At Large

Jack McCain, Jr.
Councilman
District 1

Dale Nielsen
Councilman
District 2

Sylvia Morrow
Councilwoman
District 3

Larry Payne
Councilman
District 4

DATE: 14 September 2009

FROM: City of Natchitoches
Purchasing Department
1400 Sabine Street
Natchitoches, LA 71457

BID NO. 0488

BID TITLE: 15 In Car Mobile Cameras

SEALED BID PROPOSALS WILL BE
RECEIVED UNTIL 4PM,

October 12, 2009

AT THE OFFICE OF Edd Lee
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING, 1400
SABINE STREET, NATCHITOCHEES, LA
71457.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:

Edd Lee
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING
(318) 357-3824

The meeting continued with Planning and Zoning, as follows:

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Payne as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 053 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 64 OF 2001 BY CHANGING ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

WEST 60 FEET OF LOT 29 OF SPRINGVILLE ADDITION FROM B-2 TO B-3 FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A MOBILE HOME. VARIANCE REQUESTED: VARIANCE OF (5) FEET OF THE REQUIRED (25) FEET FRONT YARD SETBACK AND (8) FEET OF THE REQUIRED (25) FEET REAR YARD SETBACK

(1191 DOROTHY STREET)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of September 1, 2009 that the request of Douglas Lee to rezone the property described above from **B-2** to **B-3**, for the placement of a mobile home, be **APPROVED**.

ORDINANCE NO. 054 OF 2009

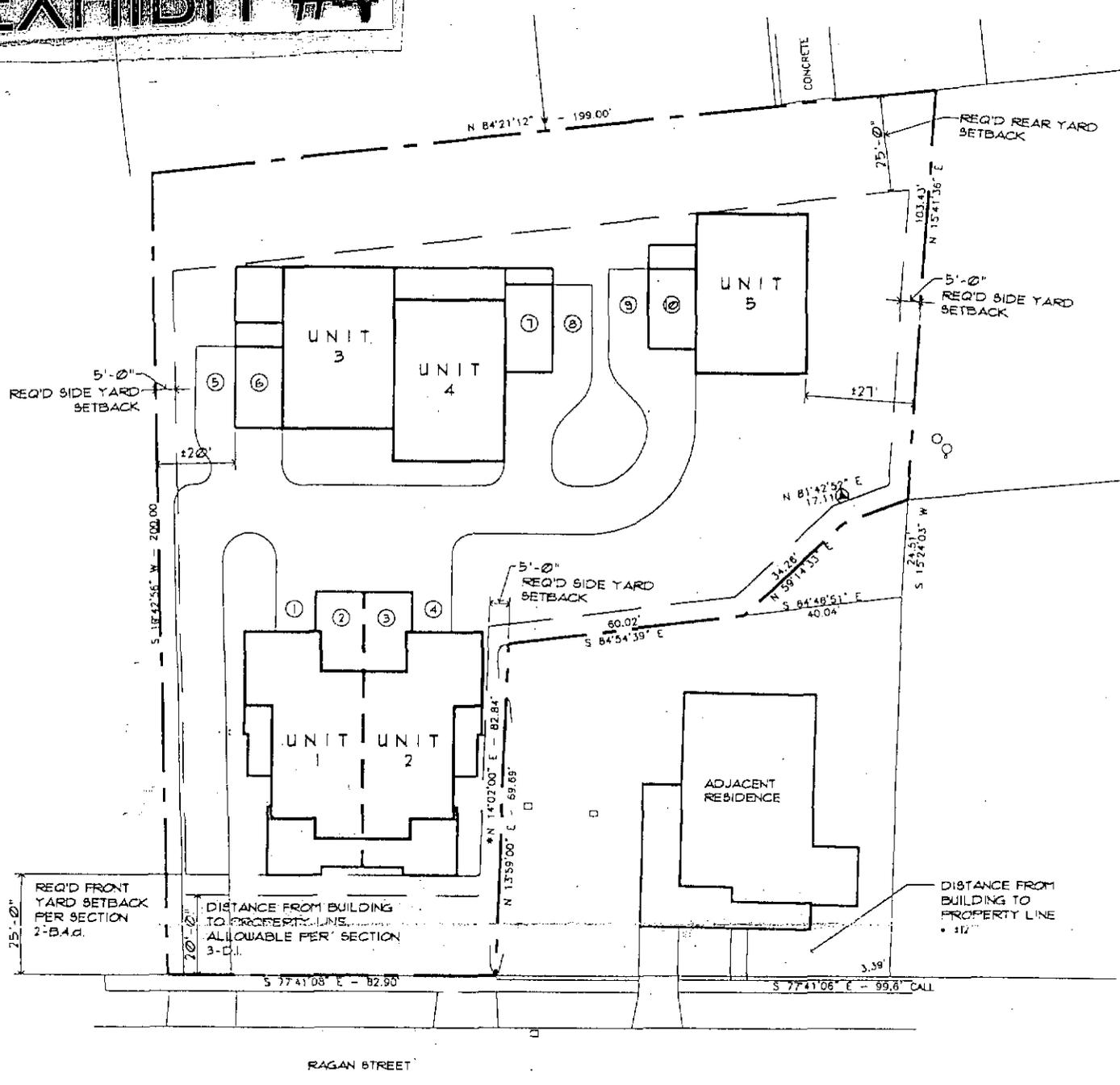
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LOT N SIDE RAGAN ST., N BY TAUZIN, W BY DEBLIEUX, E BY CHAPLIN & RACHAL, & FURTHER SHOWN ON PLAT IN BOOK 341, PG. 76 AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON NORTH SIDE REGAN ST. & DESIGNATED AS POINT 1 THENCE 83.1 FT. TO PT. 2, THENCE 60.2 FT., THENCE NE 51.16 FT., THENCE 103.6 FT. TO POINT 4, THENCE 199 FT. TO POINT 5, THENCE 200 FEET TO POINT, THENCE 82.9 FT. TO PT. OF BEG., SHOWN AS TRACT "A" ON PLAT IN CB 541, PG. 704 FROM R-1 TO R-2 TO CONSTRUCT TOWN HOUSES - 5 UNITS.

(310 RAGAN STREET)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of September 1, 2009 that the request of Nicholas Page to rezone the property described above from **R-1** to **R-2**, to construct townhouses (five units), be **APPROVED**.

EXHIBIT #4



PROPOSED SITE LAYOUT
 scale: 1" = 30'-0"

 north

PROPOSAL TO REZONE PROPERTY TO
 R-2 MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT.
 *** NO VARIANCES REQUESTED ***

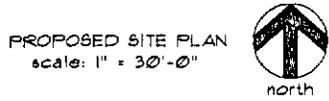
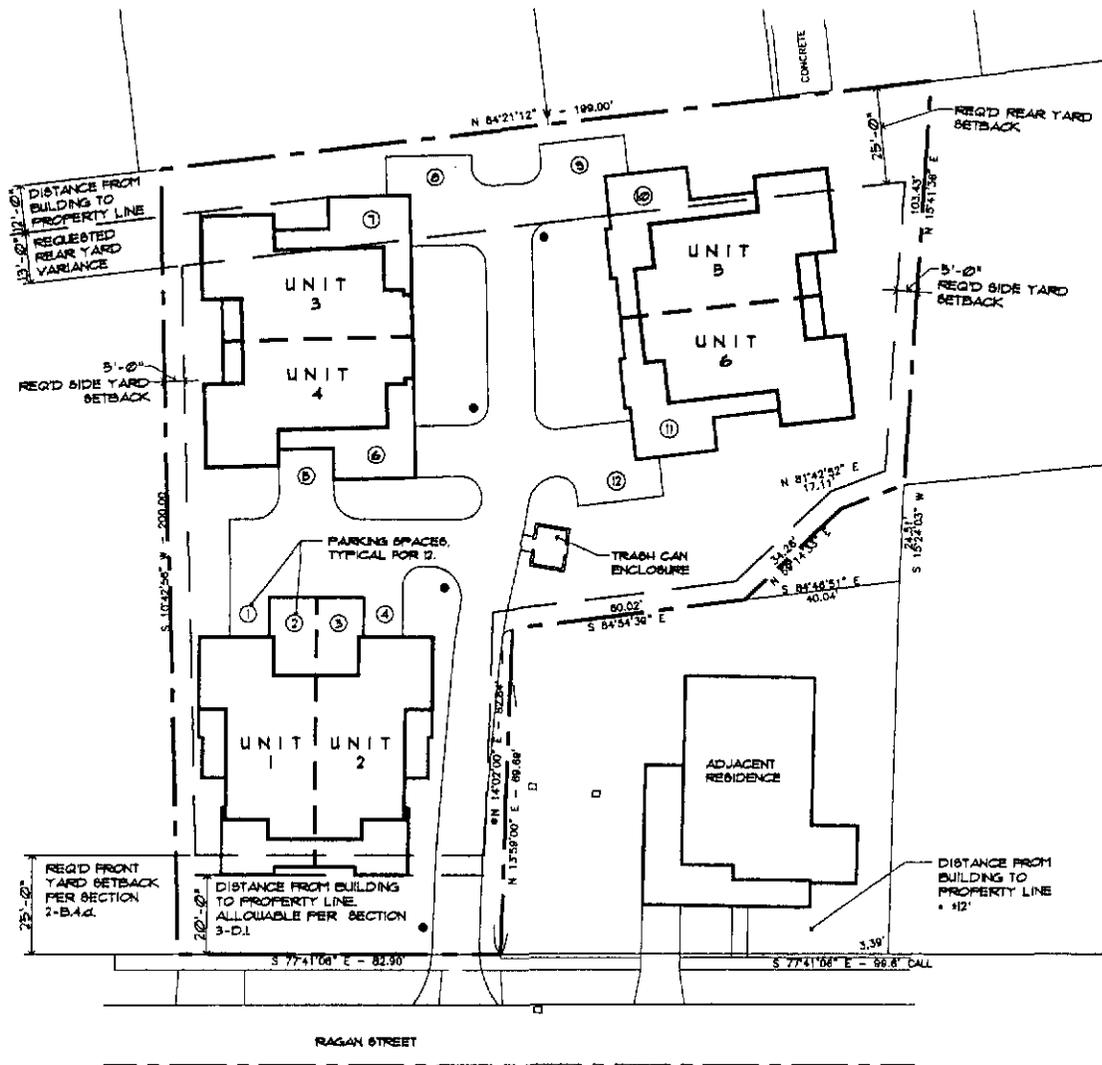
TOTAL SITE AREA	30,511 SF.
SITE AREA REQ'D PER SECTION 2-B.4.b.	14,000 SF.
FOR UNITS 1 & 2:	
TYPICAL UNIT SIZE	1752 SF.
TYPICAL UNIT 1st FLOOR CONDITIONED AREA	1172 SF.
FOR UNITS 3, 4, & 5:	
TYPICAL UNIT SIZE	1680 SF.
TYPICAL UNIT 1st FLOOR CONDITIONED AREA	1120 SF.

TOTAL PARKING SPACES PROVIDED	10 SP.
PARKING SPACES REQ'D PER SECTION 5-A.5.	8 SP.
BUILDING HEIGHTS SHALL COMPLY WITH 35' LIMIT PER SECTION 2-B.4.c.	

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SHEET PZ-1 1 OF 1	2K9-599 AUGUST 14, 2009	TITLE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION SUBMITTAL J. C. BRIDGES, ARCHITECT 813 WILLIAMS AVENUE, NATCHITOCHE, LA 71457 P/F: 318 - 352 - 9375 LA. LIC: 3021	DRAWN BY PAGE ETC., LLC - CALVIN, LA RAGAN STREET RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT NATCHITOCHE, LOUISIANA
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Existing (old plan)



PROPOSAL TO REZONE PROPERTY TO R-2 MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT.

TOTAL SITE AREA	30,511 SF.	TOTAL PARKING SPACES PROVIDED	12 SP.
SITE AREA REQ'D PER SECTION 2-B.4.d.	16,000 SF.	PARKING SPACES REQ'D PER SECTION 5-A.5.	9 SP.
TYPICAL UNIT FOOTPRINT	1752 SF.	BUILDING HEIGHTS SHALL COMPLY WITH 35' LIMIT PER SECTION 2-B.4.c.	
TYPICAL UNIT 1st FLOOR CONDITIONED AREA	1172 SF.		

SHEET PZ1 1 of 1	PLAN NO. 2K1-04 DATE: 08.2008 SCALE: AS SHOWN	NATCHITOCHEES PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION SUBMITTAL	PAGE ETC, LLC - CALVIN, LA
		J. C. BRIDGES, ARCHITECT 228 HENRY AVENUE, NATCHITOCHEES, LA 71451 P/F: 318 - 352 - 9375 L.A. LIC: 3021	RAGAN STREET RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT NATCHITOCHEES, LOUISIANA



FIFTH ST.

FOURTH ST.

SECOND ST.

AMULET ST.

RAGAN ST.

CITY PARK

CITY OF NATIONDALES

R-2

R-2

B-1 SE

R-2

R-2

R-2

R-2

R-2

B-3

B-1

CITY OF NATIONDALES
CITY HALL ANNEX

R-2 SE
STEVE VENTURA'S

R-2
MURIEL I. HALPERN

B-1

R-2

R-2

R-2S

B-2

B-3

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R-2

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Police Station

UTILITY ANNEX

CITY OF NATIONDALES

CITY OF NATIONDALES

FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

LORRY CONWANE

STEVE BRONS

AMULET ST.

B-3

B-3

R-1

R-2

R-2

R-1

The following are the property owners within 300 ft. of the following described property as listed on the current records of the Natchitoches Parish Assessor's Office.

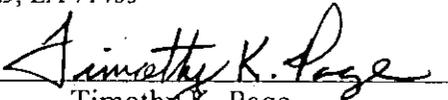
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BARKER, VAN T., JR. & LINDA N. - 301 TOULINE ST., NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457
CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs - P. O. BOX 37, NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457
DARFUS, GEORGE K. & JANET M. - 320 RAGAN ST., NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457
DUNAHOE, EDWIN & STEVE M. BROWN, III (DR.) - 120 AMULET ST., NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457

EUSTON, SHEILA C. - 401 TOULINE ST., NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 508 SECOND ST., NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 411 SECOND ST., NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457
FORSLOFF, DELBERT R. & CAROL M. - 220 RAGAN ST., NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457
FREDERICK, JANITH C. - P. O. BOX 119, NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457
HUNTINGTON COURT REPORTERS & TRANSCRIPTION, INC. - 352 SOUTH DRIVE, NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457

JUDGE PORTER HOUSE, L.L.C. - 321 SECOND STREET, NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457
MASINGILL, ARTIS CURTIS, JR. - 428 SECOND STREET, NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457
MEANS, JAMES A. - 307 TOULINE ST., NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457
MILLER, HUEY L. & MARY P. - 314 RAGAN ST., NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457
MORK, STEVEN & B. J. - 401 JEFFERSON ST., NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457
NATCHITOCHEs PARISH POLICE JURY - P.O. BOX 799, NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457
PELTIER, JOSEPH C., JR. - P.O. BOX 278, NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457
PICCOLO, FRANCIS & NATALIE G. - 321 TOULINE ST., NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457
ROBEAU, ETHEL L. - 435 2ND ST., NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457
STONE VENTURES, L.L.C. - 662 PETTY RD., MANY, LA 71449
THAXTON, D. BAILEY & ELOISE, TRUST & LARRY A. & B. J. MCKEE - 220 WILLIAMS AVE., NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457-5151

WALTERS, ROBERTA L. - 434 FOURTH ST., NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457
WISE, PHILIP G. - 439 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD, WINNFIELD, LA 71483


Timothy K. Page

Dated, this 6th day of August, 2009.

NOTE: This is as accurate as we can determine from our records.

Mr. Kendal Perkins, Architect for Nicholas Page of Page, Etc., addressed the meeting, noting that this particular site has been a problem for decades, with this piece of property being the only property in the Historic District to be used as a trailer park. He then presented a proposed development that would drastically upgrade the quality of that particular piece of property. He advised that the proposal is to convert the trailer park into a gated, upscale residential development that will contain five dwelling units in three separate buildings. In order to move forward with the project, they asked that the Council affirm the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission by rezoning this property to an R-2 use. He said he would like to point out that while the zoning map may say it is an R-1 zone, everyone is familiar with the property enough to know that the actual use of the property is really a multi-family use, so they are not requesting that the Council make a radical change, but are requesting that they recognize this piece of property which has been a multi-family piece of property for quite some time. Mr. Perkins said one thing the Planning and Zoning Commission was particularly interested in, and he knows that the Council will be interested in, as well, is the issue of density on the site. He said the argument has been made that five units is really too dense for this site, but he pointed out that for the R-2 residence zone, in order to get five units on a particular piece of property, it would be required to be 14,000 square feet, and they are over 30,000 square feet, more than double the amount of site area that would be required by the City's Subdivision Ordinance. He pointed out that they are not having to request any variances in order to make this a reality and that the owner does intend to hold these units and use them as rental units rather than ownership units. He also pointed out that this is not a departure from the way the site has been used because, as a trailer park, it has been a multi-family rental property for several decades. He stated that there is the opportunity that exists in the future, based on market conditions, with the design of these units, to shift to an ownership model from a rental unit model, but that is something not proposed at this point, and would be based on market conditions that the owner would evaluate. He closed by asking again that the Council ratify the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission by allowing this property to be rezoned from R-1 to R-2.

Mr. McCain asked if it shifted from rental property to ownership property in the future if it would require another rezoning, or would the proposed zoning cover that. Mr. Perkins said it would require another rezoning because it would be an R-1.5 type zoning where the property owner would own their particular unit, a small landscaping area, and an undivided interest in common area that would get shared maintenance by something like a Homeowner's Association.

Mr. Nielsen asked Mr. Perkins if there is any reason they did not subdivide it so in the future they could pull the trigger quicker rather than having it come back again. He said he thought that would add some comfort to a lot of the neighborhood. Mr. Perkins said he could not speak to the developer's financial

arrangements, but from an architectural and planning standpoint, by going through this rezoning to an R-2 zone, they don't need any variances in the way that they might need a number of variances in order to go to an ownership model, say to an R-1.5 model. He said they felt, from a planning standpoint, that it would be a smoother process to go to the R-2 zone rather than a version of the R-1.5 zone.

Ms. Morrow asked how many square feet there is in the entire property. Mr. Perkins said it's 30,511, which is the ground, itself. He said Units 1 and 2 are just a hair over 1,750 conditioned area, and Units 3, 4 and 5 are approximately 1,680 feet of conditioned area.

Mr. Mims asked if this was to be a gated community, and Mr. Perkins advised that it was the owners' intent to have gated access. Mr. Mims asked how many bedrooms each unit would have. Mr. Perkins said each unit is designed to be a three bedroom, two bath layout. He said this was looking toward the possibility that, at some point, if the owner would choose to break these up to an ownership model, they would be very marketable as owner-owned stand-alone units.

Ms. Morrow asked if they have come to a price per family, and Mr. Perkins responded that he would have to refer that question to Mr. Page. He said much of that would depend on construction costs at the time they are put together, and also, the reasonable appraised value at the time of putting in for financing and once an appraisal is done for the proposal, then that will indicate the likely cost of each unit.

Mr. McCain asked if there will be access not only from Ragan, but also from Touline. Mr. Perkins said, as proposed, there will be only one access point, from Ragan Street, and it will be on the west edge of the property. He advised that, as the site sits right now, there are actually two driveways, and they are going to abandon the one to the east and upgrade the one to the west.

Mr. Nielsen asked if this design meets the criteria for accessibility in case of emergencies to get back to Unit 5 through an automatic gate. Mr. Perkins said that is a question they will address with Chief Boyt, but they will provide access codes for the Fire Department. He said there will be a similar arrangement as with the other gated apartment complexes here in town, and if they need to increase sizes of turning radiuses to account for emergency vehicles, they have that option, as well. Mr. Nielsen commented that it looks a bit tight to get back to Unit 5, so that is something that needs to be addressed to make sure it is accessible. He then asked about intentions regarding drainage. Mr. Perkins said there are a number of drainage features on the site already and they have been particularly conscious to site these buildings so they don't encroach on the existing drainage features that are there. He noted that in the southeast corner of that L-shaped piece, there are culverts, and there is actually an open section of drainage through there, so they have

sited Unit 5 far enough to the north to keep out of that drainage area. Mr. Nielsen then asked about what is coming off of Touline. Mr. Perkins said they have 25 feet from the nearest point of these buildings to the property line, and they have existing subsurface drainage in that area, between the buildings and the north property line, so they will be able to supplement the existing drainage and tie into the existing subsurface drainage, as required, in order to make sure that this site drains properly without inundating any of the neighboring properties.

Ms. Janet Darfus, of 320 Ragan Street, read a statement by her husband, who could not be in attendance, stating that he has concerns about the rezoning and was disappointed to learn that Planning and Zoning recommended rezoning the property from R-1 to R-2. He said he respectfully opposes the move to upzone the property for several important reasons, including his belief that this would be a poor match with surrounding properties and would move the neighborhood in a negative direction. He said, in this matter of zoning, he would wholeheartedly agree with the thinking and approach previously taken by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council in support of the Historic District Homeowner's Association in 2005 when they downzoned a large portion of the Historic District to R-1. In doing so, all three bodies acknowledged the multiple positive benefits of the R-1 status to individual homeowners, neighborhoods and the Historic District, as a whole. They spoke clearly to the need to carefully cultivate the neighborhoods of the Historic District so as to preserve their unique characters and allow this to contribute to the greater benefit of Natchitoches, as a whole. He referred to the trailers, saying that trailers are mobile, but apartments are completely fixed and that any thought of rezoning to build apartments is only a short-term solution to get rid of the nuisance trailers, and it's one that would ignore the long-term vision of the Historic District in Natchitoches. He respectfully asked the Council to deny the proposal to rezone the Ragan Street property to R-2. Ms. Darfus added that she is also opposed to rezoning to R-2. She said she felt perhaps when the trailer park was grandfathered into the Historic District, there was a mistake made by not putting a limit on the grandfathering ordinance and it seems that if the apartments are allowed to go in there in R-2 zoning, they will be there forever, and that would be another mistake.

Ms. Linda Barker, a resident of 301 Touline, then addressed the meeting, noting that their residence is a single-family dwelling and the back of their property is adjacent to the back of the property under discussion on Ragan Street. She said she is speaking on behalf of her husband and herself, and they are opposed to the rezoning of 310 Ragan Street from R-1 to R-2 for the following reasons. She said since the time of 2005 when the Council, along with other community groups, downzoned all of the Historic District to R-1, there has not been a single application to rezone from R-1 to R-2 that has passed. She said there had to be a reason the Council felt so strongly in 2005 that they zoned all of the property R-1 and asked the Council to keep in mind what the reasons were at that time. She said in looking at the map of the

Historic District, their block is the only one that has no R-2 zoning. She said she has heard the comment over and over again, and it was stated at the Zoning Commission meeting that at least the apartment buildings will be better than what there is there now. She said she contends that what is there now has been allowed to happen. She said the grass, the bushes, the vines have been allowed to grow, and grow, and grow, to the point where neighbors have been mowing the front portion of the property along Ragan Street just to take care of the situation. She said the future behavior of a person is often revealed by past behavior. She asked what this tells us of the stewardship we could expect of the land if the zoning is approved, apartments are built, time passes, and the buildings become older units. She said she has been told if the rezoning does not occur, trailers will again be placed on the property, and she stated that at least a trailer can be moved, and at least the property will remain an R-1 zoning. She stated that if rezoning occurs, and five apartment units are allowed to be built, we will have those units there for a long, long time, and we can sit there and watch them get older, and older, and more decrepit as older apartment units have been allowed to do in the Historic District. She asked the Council to respectfully deny this request.

Mr. McCain stated that, in looking at the ownership map, he noticed that the property immediately to the east of Ms. Barker's lot is titled to Huntington Court Reporters and Transcription, Inc. He asked her if that is a residence. She said it was the old telephone company, and for many years, it was a business of many, many different types, but in 2005, it was zoned R-1, and a lady and her husband from California bought it, and they do own the court reporting business, so apparently their company bought it. She said they understand that it is zoned R-1, single-family dwelling, and they are in the process of cleaning it up and are planning on remodeling it. Mr. McCain then asked about the property moving toward Second Street and the library which is not inhabited and is in a bad state of repair. Ms. Barker advised that that is the Police Jury's property. He asked if she knew of any plans for that property. She said all she can say is what she has heard, and that's that Mr. Black has told her that the Police Jury has requested of the Historic District that it be allowed to be torn down, and the Historic District said it could be moved, but it had to be moved to another lot within the Historic District, but so far, the Police Jury has had no bidders to purchase and move the building. She said, to her understanding, Mr. Dollar went back to the Historic District at their last meeting, and he was told to try again to move it, and if nothing came forth from that, for him to come back and they would reconsider it. She said, to her understanding, the library would like that to be a parking lot.

Ms. Roberta Walters, of 434 Fourth Street, then addressed the meeting. She said it has only been recently that anything active has been done on the Ragan Street property they are talking about this evening, and in her understanding, what has been done by the owners has been reactive instead of proactive. She stated that the condemned trailers, or at least most of them, have been removed, but only at the City's request, and deadline, rather

than removed because they were a blight in the Historic District. She said this is usually what happens when the profit motive far outweighs the good of the neighborhood, especially when the potential profiteers don't live in the neighborhood, but in another town altogether. She said, as a happy homeowner in Natchitoches, she is fully aware of the fact that if property isn't constantly kept up, it deteriorates and rather quickly, and rental housing, by whatever names it's called, would prove to be no different, and when someone is in it for only profit, are they going to spend the money necessary to keep it up to the Ragan Street and neighborhood residential standards. She said, with this in mind, along with the greater amount of traffic and the additional noise of more people on the property, she would encourage the Council to deny the R-2 rezoning request.

Ms. Ellen Abington, a resident of Fourth Street, said that everything that has been said makes her feel even more negative about the rezoning. She said if you go to the Miller's home and look across the street at one of the oldest buildings in Natchitoches, which is the train station, it is perfectly magnificent, and then, you have George and Janet's home next door, and at the end of the street is the City's building, which is the old DeBlieux House. She said this is the reason she bought in this neighborhood. She said when you think of rental property, it does go down, and although it would probably look very nice for five or ten years, when we think of generations to come, what would it become. She said if they were sold as townhouses, then possibly, but she feels they are going to be rentals and everyone knows where that goes, and she said she would really appreciate it if they would not change the zoning.

Mr. Layne Miller, of 314 Ragan, then addressed the meeting, saying that he has lived next to the trailer park for 20 years. He said they have a fundamental opposition to rezoning this property mostly because they don't know exactly what it would bring them. He said he believes that Mr. Page wants to build something that's nicer and better there, but he asked if it was a lot next to any of the Council member's homes, if they would want apartments on it.

Mr. Scott Lumry addressed the meeting on behalf of himself, Mr. Jim Metcalf, and Carol and Dale Forsloff. He said he has an intimate knowledge of this particular property because he has helped improve it recently, and has been involved in trying to get this property turned into something that would be respectable for the Historic District in Natchitoches. He said he thoroughly supported a move to R-1 in the Historic District, noting that there were a number of property owners that opted out. He noted that this property did not belong to who it does now, and it was not opted out, but the fact of the matter is that it is an investment property, and in order for somebody to make a return on investment, they need to be able to do something with the property that is appropriate. He noted that right now, the owner has the ability to keep trailers there because they were grandfathered in, and he can do that and still stay within the laws and the ordinance that is in place for this area. He stated that we now have an opportunity to improve what we have in

this community and step it up. He said he can say, personally, that the individual that bought this property wants to see Natchitoches improve, and he is not somebody looking to come in, make a ton of money, and walk away, but prefers to have a property that will be worth something down the line. He said he can't afford to let his buildings or his assets go downhill because he will have an opportunity to sell that in the future as an individual family residence on that property. He asked that these things be taken into consideration. He said he appreciates that many of the neighbors do not want to see an apartment complex go in, and he's not big on apartment complexes, himself, having worked and managed many student apartment complexes over a number of years. He said when they are well managed and well taken care of, with the opportunity to look down the road as an investment in those properties to sell them at a future date, they will not be going downhill, but will be improved over a period of time. He said this is an opportunity to offer some housing that is at a reasonable rate, in the Historic District, for people that will be working in our area. He said he thinks this is an excellent opportunity and is looking forward to the day it is upgraded to a Zone 1.5, but for right now, for the next step to take place, he, and the people he is representing, feel this is a good move on the City's part, and they support this change to R-2.

Mr. Van Barker, of 301 Touline Street, asked the Council to keep in mind that they, as homeowners, have two choices, trailers or apartments, and he thinks for the next five years, apartments would probably be very nice and very calm and soothing, but he hopes they have a vision of longer than five years, like 25 years or 50 years because he can see a mess in a length of time. He said if they are thinking three or four generations down the road, if we're going to leave them something to clean up, they may not be able to clean it up. He said he's willing to live with more trailers as long as he's there because he's lived with them for 20 years already. He said he doesn't want to, but he believes that would be the best solution in the long-term for the Historic District, and their block.

Mr. Don Kelly, Attorney at Law, said they certainly understand and appreciate the concerns of the neighbors and applauded them on the manner in which they have presented their opposition and the civility they have shown in doing so. He noted that the resolution that is before the Council now is not the final approval of this, but is simply to pass the resolution and get it on two weeks from now at which time this body will make a decision. He asked for confirmation on that. The Mayor confirmed that that was correct. Mr. Kelly said he hoped they would give them the opportunity to have a final vote on this. He asked the Council to do in their hearts what they feel is right for the City of Natchitoches, saying that logic defies talking in terms of a trailer house over the kind of accommodations represented by the drawings they have been provided. He said he does not question these people for making their arguments, but if he lived next to that trailer park, he would prefer that it be high-stake condos as opposed to mobile homes sitting there. He asked them

to have an opportunity to have a vote on the matter, and that they would ultimately see that it's just better for the City of Natchitoches to have those fine buildings as opposed to seven mobile homes.

Ms. Jan Frederick, of 434 Second Street, stated that her property goes, from the east, to the town homes that are being proposed to be built. She advised that she had met with Mr. Nicholas Page, the owner, and Mr. Kendal Perkins, the architect, because she couldn't tell what's what from a drawing. She said they explained how high they would be, and how wide they would be, and she learned that the townhouses have been scaled down, and one has been eliminated from the entire plan. She said she supports the project because she feels it would be such a great improvement to the trailers. She said the trailers are horrible, and she thinks anyone can see the beauty of the plans, and she would prefer seeing that rather than trailers.

Ms. Mary Margaret Miller stated that she lives next door to the project, and the thing for her is that the building in the front is gigantic. She said it meets the setback requirement, but when she stands on her front porch now and looks to the left, or when she opens her bedroom window, or goes on the back porch, she sees trees, she sees sunshine, and she hears birds, but if that huge building goes in there, which will be there forever, it will be like the Great Wall of China. She said she still contends that these are not townhouses yet, they are apartments, and they are permanent so you must really, really think long and hard about it. She said she remembers when Welch Estates was built, and it's gated, and it was beautiful, but recommended that the Council go over there now and have a look. She said the same is true with Summertree, and Sutton Apartments. She noted that every one of them was beautiful when they were new. She closed by saying her grossest objection is for that huge building to be in that little front part of that lot because it's not a very big lot, and it fills it up, and it's going to be there forever.

Mr. Kendal Perkins addressed some of the matters brought up, beginning with Ms. Miller's concern about the size of the project. He said the building they are proposing, which would be Units 1 and 2, would be of similar size and scale to the houses at 428 Second Street, 314 Ragan Street, and 320 Ragan Street, all being historic houses that sit in the same block as the proposed site, and thinks the characterization of this building as the Great Wall of China is a gross exaggeration. He also pointed out that the proposal is before the Council for five units, but they also have the previous proposal for six units. He asked that they look at the previous proposal, and note that the building that housed Units 1 and 2 in the previous proposal was actually five feet closer to the street and was located on the west edge of the property. He noted that they have tried to take the Millers' concerns into account, and have moved the building further back so there is no variance needed, and further to the east in order to move the building further away from their property to give them more light and more air on the edge of their boundary. He said he feels the developer has been very accommodating in trying to meet the concerns of the residents, and he feels privileged to have worked with him in that regard. He

said the second thing he wanted to discuss was that much has been made by the opponents of the development about the profit motive involved in putting this forward. He said, from the information Mr. Page has shared with him, the greatest profit motive he would have would actually be to replace the trailers that are on the site. He referred to the two proposals, noting that the first one, from a year and a half ago, had six units, and this proposal has five, which means that his potential return on the project has been decreased by over 15 percent. He stated that if he saw his potential return on an investment decrease by 15 percent at the stroke a pen, he would have to wonder if that's really his best option. He said he believed Mr. Page's willingness to come back before the Council, with a decreased number of units, even though it means a decreased profit for him, speaks very highly of his commitment to put forward a high-scale residential development within the confines of the City of Natchitoches. He said it was very clear if you really look at what his financial gain will be that his heart is with doing the best thing for the City of Natchitoches even though that may not mean the most return for Page, Etc. He thanked everyone for their consideration and closed by asking that they vote to approve the rezoning.

Ordinances continued, as follows:

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Payne as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 055 OF 2009

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 64 OF 2001 BY CHANGING
ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

LOT 48 OF SPRINGVILLE ADDITION FROM R-1 TO R-1 SPECIAL EXCEPTION

(1218 GREENVILLE STREET)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of September 1, 2009 that the request of Greater New Hope Ministry to rezone the property described above from **R-1** to **R-1 SPECIAL EXCEPTION**, to operate a church and the variance of the off-street parking requirements, be **APPROVED**.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. McCain as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 056 OF 2009

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 64 OF 2001 BY CHANGING
ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

**LOT HAVING FRONT OF 65.52 FT. ON S SIDE OF POETE STREET
AS SHOWN ON A PLAT IN MAP SLIDE 619B FROM R-1 TO R-1, SPECIAL
EXCEPTION TO OPERATE BED & BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS**

(215 & 217 POETE STREET)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at its meeting of September 1, 2009 that the request of Carol Gregorek to rezone the property described above from **R-1** to **R-1 SPECIAL EXCEPTION** to operate Bed and Breakfast establishments, be **APPROVED**.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. McCain as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 057 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 64 OF 2001 BY CHANGING ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT "A-1" HAVING A FRONT OF 116.2 FT. ON WEST SIDE WILLIAMS AVE., N BY T. L. MILLER, S BY HARPER, W BY CANE RIVER LAKE BEING SHOWN ON MAP SLIDE 366-B FROM R-1 TO R-1, SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO HOST SPECIAL EVENTS/WEDDINGS

(330 WILLIAMS AVENUE)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at its meeting of September 1, 2009 that the request of Carol Gregorek to rezone the property described above from **R-1** to **R-1 SPECIAL EXCEPTION** to host special events/weddings, be **APPROVED**.

Mr. Mims asked how the parking would be handled at the Williams Avenue address for weddings and special events. Ms. Juanita Fowler, Director of Planning and Zoning, advised that this did come up for discussion at the Planning and Zoning meeting, and Ms. Gregorek usually arranges for transportation to and from the site, having used shuttles in the past. She said there was one property owner on Carver Street who questioned the amount of parking available, and Ms. Fowler noted that it is very restricted. She said she did not believe there was a restriction as far as limitations of parking on Carver Street, but it was discussed at Planning and Zoning, and the Commission spoke to Ms. Gregorek about communicating with the property owner about her concerns. She also noted that there are some parking spaces immediately adjacent to the house, and stated that this would be intermittent events, and only on occasion, such as weddings and non-profit functions.

Mr. McCain asked how you define special events, and what falls under that category. Ms. Fowler said it was as a special exception use because there is no permitted place by right that events are defined, unless you are addressing commercial zoning. Ms. Fowler noted that this came up before, when the Fidelaks, who own the Louisiane, were interested in having parties and other events in the rear yard, and her proposal was also to shuttle people and have some off-sight parking available, and that was approved simply because it wasn't going to be a continuous use of property. She said if you have noticed, whatever events have taken place there, she assumes they have arranged for parking because she has not had any particular complaints against the use of that facility, and this is similar. She noted that parking is very limited in the District, on both sides of the river.

Ordinances continued, as follows:

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. McCain as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 058 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 64 OF 2001 BY CHANGING ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT 100 FT. FRONT WEST SIDE SECOND ST. BOUND N BY CARROLL AND SOUTH BY MONK FROM B-2 SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO R-1, SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO PROVIDE FOSTER CARE FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

(336 SECOND STREET)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at its meeting of September 1, 2009 that the request of Thomas Palmer to rezone the property described above from **B-2 Special Exception** to **R-1 Special Exception** to provide foster care for children and adolescents, be **APPROVED**.

The following Ordinance was introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mr. Payne as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 050 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE, LOUISIANA, TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH VICTOR JONES, SHERIFF OF NATCHITOCHE PARISH, WHEREBY THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE AND THE SHERIFF OF NATCHITOCHE PARISH WILL COOPERATE IN A TRUANCY PROGRAM WITH THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE CONTRIBUTING TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR IN EXCHANGE FOR THE BENEFIT TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE

WHEREAS, the Sheriff of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana (sometimes hereinafter referred to as "Sheriff") has established a Truancy Program with an affiliated Truancy Center located at 726 Third Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the purpose of the Truancy Program is to provide early identification and assessment of truant at-risk children in grades kindergarten through fifth, and provide a prompt delivery of coordinated interventions to prevent continued unauthorized school absences; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Sheriff has shared research with the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as "City") which confirms a strong correlation between early truancy, continued school academic and behavioral problems and eventual school dropout and delinquent behavior development; the research also indicated that teen pregnancy and adolescent substance abuse are also more likely to occur when children are unsuccessful in school; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Sheriff has developed the Truancy Program and the Truancy Center as a tool that can be utilized to reduce the negative effects of the truant behavior problem; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Truancy Program and Truancy Center are tools that can assist with truancy intervention in the following ways:

- Early identification of truant children and appropriate assessment
- Rapid, coordinated, targeted service response to identified needs
- Consistent, timely monitoring and revising of service plans
- Attention to family environmental factors affecting the child; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Truancy Center will be a tool which will provide early identification, rapid assessment, targeted service response, consistent and timely monitoring, attention to family environmental factors, appropriate use of Family In Need of Services (sometimes hereinafter referred to as "FINS") process, and school, family, law enforcement, court and community collaborations; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Truancy Center is expected to provide improved school attendance and improved academic achievement as short term outcomes; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Truancy Center is expected to provide a decrease in school dropout rates, improved school behaviors and conduct and decrease in teen pregnancy, substance abuse and delinquency as long term outcomes; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Truancy Center will address the underlying causes of truancy by pooling existing resources targeted at the child and family through appropriate action by service and treatment agencies, and the FINS program in Natchitoches Parish will serve in a coordinating and facilitating capacity for the Truancy Center; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Truancy Center is staffed by credentialed counselors, specialists and MSWs and can call on the resources of the Sheriff's Office School Resource Officers, DARE instructors, Patrol Deputies, Detectives and others affiliated with the command structure of the Office of the Sheriff; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City and the Sheriff are of the opinion that the Truancy Program and Truancy Center are of social and economic benefit to the citizens of the City of Natchitoches as the Truancy Program and Truancy Center will provide for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City and Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches desires to assist the Sheriff with the Truancy Program through the dedication of \$25,000.00 towards use at the Truancy Center for the following year; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, under the general law and the Home Rule Charter of the City of Natchitoches, the City has the right, power, and authority to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the City; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches is of the opinion that an agreement with the Sheriff for the participation of the City in the Sheriff's Truancy Center will promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City and Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of City of Natchitoches takes cognizance of the fact that the stated goals of the Truancy Center will have benefit to the City; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches desires to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Sheriff of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana which will provide for the contribution of \$25,000.00 of City funds to the Truancy Center under the terms and conditions set forth on the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, that the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, Wayne McCullen is hereby authorized to execute the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Sheriff of the Parish of Natchitoches whereby the City will assist the Sheriff with the Truancy Center through the contribution of funds.

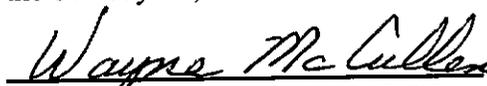
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the terms of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, attached hereto, are approved and accepted by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and that the contribution of \$25,000.00 by the City to the Truancy Center be approved.

This Ordinance was introduced on the 24th day of August, 2009 and duly advertised in accordance with law.

This Ordinance having been submitted on a roll call vote, the vote thereupon was as follows, to-wit:

AYES:	Nielsen, Payne, Mims, McCain, Morrow
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, the Mayor declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 ayes to 0 nays, on this the 14th day of, 2009.


WAYNE McCULLEN, MAYOR


DON MIMS, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 15th day of September, 2009 at 10:00 A.M.

The Mayor asked for approval to add Resolution Number 98 to the Agenda.

Mr. McCain moved that Resolution 98 be added to the Agenda. Mr. Nielsen seconded.

This motion was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: McCain, Nielsen, Mims, Morrow, Payne
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

THEREUPON, the Mayor, Wayne McCullen, declared the Motion passed by a vote of 5 ayes to 0 nays, and that Resolution 98 of 2009 would be added to the Agenda.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES

COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT

BE IT KNOWN, that on the dates and at the places hereinafter indicated, before the undersigned Notaries Public and subscribing witnesses, came and appeared:

CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, a municipal corporation, domiciled in the City and Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, with mailing address of P. O. Box 37, Natchitoches, Louisiana, represented herein by its duly authorized undersigned Mayor, Wayne McCullen, acting pursuant to a Ordinance No. 050 of 2009 of the City Council dated September 14, 2009, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, (hereinafter called "City")

AND

VICTOR JONES, SHERIFF OF THE PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA, with mailing address of 200 Church Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457, and represented herein by Sheriff Victor Jones, (hereinafter called "Sheriff");

BOTH OF WHOM DECLARED AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, both the **City** and the **Sheriff** are charged with providing for the health, safety and welfare of the Citizens of their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana (sometimes hereinafter referred to as "Sheriff") has established a Truancy Program with an affiliated Truancy Center located at 726 Third Street; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the purpose of the Truancy Program is to provide early identification and assessment of truant at-risk children in grades kindergarten through fifth, and provide a prompt delivery of coordinated interventions to prevent continued unauthorized school absences; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Sheriff has shared research with the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as "City") which confirms a strong correlation between early truancy, continued school academic and behavioral problems and eventual school dropout and delinquent behavior development; the research also indicated that teen pregnancy and adolescent substance abuse are also more likely to occur when children are unsuccessful in school; and

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WHEREAS FURTHER, under the general law and the Home Rule Charter of the City of Natchitoches, the City has the right, power, and authority to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the City; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches and the Sheriff are of the opinion that an agreement between the Sheriff and the City for the participation of the City in the Sheriff's Truancy Center will promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City and Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of City of Natchitoches takes cognizance of the fact that the stated goals of the Truancy Center will have benefit to the City; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, under the general law and the Home Rule Charter of the City of Natchitoches, the City has the right, power, and authority to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the City; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City and Sheriff are of the opinion that an agreement whereby the City will participate in the Truancy Program in exchange for the benefits realized by the City will promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City and Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City and Sheriff desires to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with one another which will provide for the Contribution by the City of the sum of \$25,000.00 to be used by the Sheriff for the operation of the Truancy Center in exchange for the benefits realized by the City; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, this agreement shall have a one year term, which may be extended on a year to year basis upon agreement by the parties and upon the availability of funds in the budget of the City; and

Accordingly, the parties do now agree as follows:

(1) The City will contribute \$25,000.00 towards the operation of the Truancy Center and the Sheriff agrees that the funds will be used for the operation of the Truancy Center; and

(2) It is specifically understood and agreed that this agreement, notwithstanding, the City and the Sheriff agree that they will maintain separate organization, supervision and management of the public safety programs which they offer, unless by specific agreement.

(3) It is further understood and agreed that the City shall not be liable for any loss or damage to person, persons, or property, caused by, or alleged to have been caused by, the negligence, acts, or omission of any of the agents, employees, officers, volunteers or other representatives of the Sheriff.. The Sheriff, to the extent necessary under this agreement, agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless from any such claims that may be presented by any person for damage or loss caused by operations of the Truancy Program or on the Sheriff's premises.

(4) This agreement shall have a one year term, which may be extended on a year to year basis upon agreement by the parties and upon availability of funds in the budget of the City of Natchitoches.

(5) It is understood and agreed that this contract is not a joint venture, but a Contract and Agreement.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the 15th day of September, 2009, in the presence of the undersigned Notary Public and subscribing witnesses, at Natchitoches, Louisiana.

WITNESSES:

CITY OF NATCHITOCHE, LOUISIANA

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By: _____
Mayor Wayne McCullen

Natasha Mox

Carol S. Steadman
NOTARY PUBLIC # 15781

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this the ___ day of _____, 2009, in the presence of the undersigned Notary Public and subscribing witnesses, at Natchitoches, Louisiana.

WITNESSES:

SHERIFF OF NATCHITOCHE PARISH

Sheriff Victor Jones

NOTARY PUBLIC

The following Resolution was Introduced by Mr. McCain and Seconded by Mr. Mims as follows, to-wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 098 OF 2009

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT'S LOUISIANA DEVELOPMENT READY
COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Development Ready Communities Pilot Program, a strategic effort by Louisiana Economic Development to assist all of Louisiana's communities to become more competitive in today's global economy, is a community assessment, strategic planning, leadership development and marketing planning process for cities, towns, and villages; and

WHEREAS, the program's requirements provide for involvement of individuals from both public and private sectors of the community including: elected and appointed municipal officials, municipal employees, community leaders and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the implementation and achievement of the community's vision, objectives and strategies, and measurement of that achievement, are the major goals of the program. LED's objectives are:

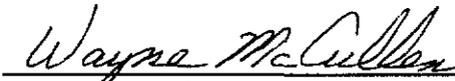
- 1) To provide a comprehensive and straight-forward assessment of community and economic development practices and activities;
- 2) To provide training, coaching, and external resources to Pilot Communities;
- 3) To establish a repeatable process by the lessons learned, success stories and testimonials in this Pilot Program; and
- 4) To ultimately develop more marketable communities and diversified economies through a systematic approach to community and economic development in the State of Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Natchitoches City Council endorses and supports LED's Louisiana Development Ready Communities Pilot Program and its work plan and authorizes the city manager and employees to cooperate with and participate in the community assessment and strategic planning activities, and further, the citizens of Natchitoches are urged to support this effort.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: McCain, Mims, Morrow, Payne, Nielsen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, the Mayor, Wayne McCullen, declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 ayes to 0 nays, this the 14th day of September, 2009.



WAYNE McCULLEN, MAYOR

The Mayor asked if there was any further business to be brought before the Council.

There being none, Mr. Nielsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Payne seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



MAYOR WAYNE McCULLEN



MAYOR PRO TEMPORE