

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Natchitoches met in legal and regular session at the Natchitoches Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

Mayor Ronnie Williams
Councilwoman At Large Betty Sawyer-Smith
Councilman Eddie Harrington
Councilman Christopher Petite
Councilman Dale Nielsen

Guest: None

Absent: Councilwoman Rosemary Elie

Mayor Ronnie Williams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone for coming. Mayor Williams led the invocation and Councilman Nielsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Williams then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the December 12, 2022 meeting. Councilwoman At Large Smith moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Councilman Petite.

A roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Elie
ABSTAIN: None

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Petite and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 001 OF 2023

PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY 16, 2023 AS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE

WHEREAS, each year on the third Monday of January, schools, federal offices, post offices and banks across America close as we observe and honor Dr. Martin Luther King’s Birthday; and

WHEREAS, the first national celebration of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday took place January 20, 1986, and this year the celebration will be on January 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, America was moved by a young preacher who called a generation to action and forever changed the course of history. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to the struggle for justice and equality, sowing seeds of hope for a day when all people might claim “the riches of freedom and the security of justice.” On Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday, we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King advocated non-violent action as a means to overcome the evil of racism in America, and he led the effort that resulted in the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King guided us toward a mountaintop on which all Americans – regardless of skin color – could live together in mutual respect and brotherhood. Dr. King recognized the power of service to strengthen communities and achieve common goals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King dedicated his life to empowering people, and challenged them to lift up their neighbors and communities. He broke down barriers within our society by encouraging Americans to look past their differences and refused to rest until our Nation fulfilled its pledge of liberty and justice for all; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches hereby proclaim, Monday, January 16, 2023 as

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

in the City of Natchitoches in honor of the memory and legacy of Dr. King.

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

AYES:	Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Elie
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 9th day of January, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Carl Sias made remarks in reference to Ordinance No. 001 of 2023.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen at the January 9, 2023 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 001 OF 2023

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

East ½ of Lots 4 and 11, Block “A” of Natchitoches South Subdivision and Lots 5 and 12, Block “A” of Natchitoches South Subdivision

(HWY 3110)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **January 3, 2023** that the application of Lighthouse Real Estate, LLC to rezone the property described above from B-3 Commercial and IA-Agriculture to R-3 Multi-family residential, to create student housing apartments (**HWY 3110, Natchitoches South Subdivision.**), be **APPROVED**.

Jennifer with Lighthouse Real estate made remarks pertaining to Ordinance No. 001 of 2023.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 072 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES ANNEXING A 0.405 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, TRACT SITUATED IN SECTION 81, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, NATCHITOCHEES PARISH, LOUISIANA, SAID TRACT LYING ADJACENT TO AND SOUTH OF LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 6, AND ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE FIXING OF A PUBLIC HEARING, ADVERTISEMENT, FIXING COUNCIL DISTRICT FOR SAME, FIXING ZONING CLASSIFICATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, a petition has been filed in accordance with Revised Statutes 33:172, et. seq., by **Mooney Investment Properties, L.L.C.**, requesting that the boundaries of the City of Natchitoches be enlarged so as to include the following described property, to-wit:

THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND, containing 0.405 acre, more or less, situated and located in Section 81, Township 9 North, Range 7 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a ½ inch iron rod at Point 3 as shown on a Plat of Survey for PSB Financial by Jack E. Farmer, PLS, recorded at Conveyance Book 538, page 25 of the records of Natchitoches Paris, having a latitude North 31 degrees 44 minutes 50.31 seconds and longitude of West 93 degrees 07 minutes 04.25 seconds; thence run South 15 degrees 20 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 202.97 feet to a found ½ inch iron rod; thence run South 62 degrees 21 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 90.02 feet to a found ½ inch iron rod; thence run North 14 degrees 58 minutes 02 seconds West a distance of 148.61 feet to a set ½ inch iron rod; thence run North 72 degrees 16 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 8.14 feet to a set ½ inch iron rod; thence run North 16 degrees 22 minutes 29 seconds West a distance of 64.64 feet to a found right of way marker; thence run North 38 degrees 56 minutes 39 seconds east a distance of 12.84 feet to a found right of way marker; thence run North 85 degrees 42 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 39.40 feet to a found right of way marker; thence run North 59 degrees 05 minutes 11 seconds East a distance of 31.10 feet to the Point of Beginning containing 0.405 acre, more or less.

All as more fully shown on a survey by Brandon C. Thornton dated August 26, 2021 and recorded at Conveyance Book 750, page 89 of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the petitioner represents one hundred percent in value of the property owners within the area described above, and there are no registered voters or resident property owners on

the property described above as is reflected in the attached certificate from the Assessor's Office of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana and certificate from the Office of the Registrar of Voters of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, which are filed with the petition for annexation;

WHEREAS FURTHER, attached to the petition is a certificate from the Tax Assessors's Office of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, certifying that the requirements of Louisiana R.S. 33:172 have been complied with, said certificate being dated the 3rd day of November, 2022.

WHEREAS FURTHER, the matter was considered by the City Council for the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and a public hearing was called for on the 9th day of _____ January, 2023, at which time the public was allowed to express opinions concerning this annexation;

WHEREAS FURTHER, the notice of filing of the petition has been published in The Natchitoches Times, legal journal of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, on the _____, 17th day of November and 1st day of December, 2022;

WHEREAS FURTHER, an opportunity has been given to all interested person in accordance with Louisiana R. S. 33:172, et. seq., on the 9th day of January, 2023;

WHEREAS FURTHER, the property is contiguous to the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, the corporate limits of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana running along the Northern boundary of the property;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session assembled as follows:

Section 1. The boundaries of the City of Natchitoches are hereby enlarged so as to include the following described property, to-wit:

THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND, containing 0.405 acre, more or less, situated and located in Section 81, Township 9 North, Range 7 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a ½ inch iron rod at Point 3 as shown on a Plat of Survey for PSB Financial by Jack E. Farmer, PLS, recorded at Conveyance Book 538, page 25 of the records of Natchitoches Paris, having a latitude North 31 degrees 44 minutes 50.31 seconds and longitude of West 93 degrees 07 minutes 04.25 seconds; thence run South 15 degrees 20 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 202.97 feet to a found ½ inch iron rod; thence run South 62 degrees 21 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 90.02 feet to a found ½ inch iron rod; thence run North 14 degrees 58 minutes 02 seconds West a distance of 148.61 feet to a set ½ inch iron rod; thence run North 72 degrees 16 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 8.14 feet to a set ½ inch iron rod; thence run North 16 degrees 22 minutes 29 seconds West a distance of 64.64 feet to a found right of way marker; thence run North 38 degrees 56 minutes 39 seconds east a distance of 12.84 feet to a found right of way marker; thence run North 85 degrees 42 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 39.40 feet to a found right of way marker; thence run North 59 degrees 05 minutes 11 seconds East a distance of 31.10 feet to the Point of Beginning containing 0.405 acre, more or less.

All as more fully shown on a survey by Brandon C. Thornton dated August 26, 2021 and recorded at Conveyance Book 750, page 89 of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.

Section 2. Be it further ordained that the City of Natchitoches takes cognizance of the fact that this ordinance was introduced at a regular session of the City Council on the 14th day of November, 2022, after receiving the petition signed by the property owner and all of the registered voters, and that a public hearing was held on the 9th day of January, 2023;

Section 3. Be it further ordained that the above and foregoing property be and is hereby annexed to the City of Natchitoches, declared to be included in Council District No. 3, all in accordance with Section 2.03B of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Section 4. Be it further ordained by the City Council that the above described property be, and it is hereby annexed into the corporate limits of the City of Natchitoches, with a zoning classification of B-2

Section 5. Be it further ordained by the City Council that this ordinance shall go into effect thirty (30) days after the publication of this ordinance in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 33:173.

THIS ORDINANCE was published in the *Natchitoches Times* on November 17, 2022 and December 1, 2022.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on November 14, 2022, was duly advertised with law, and a public hearing had on same on the 9th day of January, 2023, after advertisement.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Elie
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 9th day of January, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 10th day of January, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

Carl Sias asked a question pertaining to Ordinance No. 072 of 2022. Matt Anderson and Mayor Ronnie Williams provided a response.

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

ORDINANCE NUMBER 082 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 8-1 OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, SAID AMENDMENT BEING MADE TO ADOPT THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, AS THE OFFICIAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE CODE OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES, LOUISIANA, PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches provides buildings and building regulations in Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Code of Ordinances currently provides for and adopts the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code as the official building code for the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Director of Planning and Zoning has recommended that the City of Natchitoches adopt the International Property Maintenance Code as the official maintenance code for the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Director of Planning and Zoning has proposed that Section 8-1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Natchitoches be amended to provide for the adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code as the official property maintenance code for the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches has reviewed the proposed change and agrees that the adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code is advisable and in the best interest of the City of Natchitoches and its citizens; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, desires to amend and reenact Section 8-1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, to provide for the adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code as proposed by the Director of Planning and Zoning; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 8-1 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Natchitoches is hereby amended and reenacted to add a subsection (8) and shall read as follows:

“Section 8-1 Codes ---- Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by the city, for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the construction, alteration, removal, demolition, equipment, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of every building or structure or any appurtenance connected or attached to such buildings or structures, excluding farm structures and recreational camps, including permits and penalties, the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code, together with all subsequent amendments, thereto, of which not less than three (3) copies have been and are now filed in the office of the building inspector for the City of Natchitoches. Such code is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set forth at length herein and the provisions therein shall be controlling within the corporate limits of the city, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified, or amended, or not otherwise regulated in this Code of Ordinances. The Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code shall consist of the following:

(1) International Building Code, 2006 Edition, not including:

- a. Chapter 1, Administration.
- b. Chapter 11, Accessibility.
- c. Chapter 27, Electrical.
- d. Chapter 29, Plumbing Systems.

The applicable standards referenced in that code are included for regulations of construction within this state.

(2) International Existing Building Code, 2006 Edition, not including:

- a. Chapter 1, Administration.

The standards referenced in that code for regulations of construction within this state.

(3) International Residential Code, 2006 Edition, not including:

- a. Part 1, Administrative.
- b. Part V, Mechanical.
- c. Part VII, Plumbing.
- d. Part VIII, Electrical.

The applicable standards referenced in that code are included for regulation of construction within this state.

e. Appendix J. Existing Buildings and Structures, is also included for mandatory regulation. For the purposes of this Part, IRC R301.2.1.1 (Design Criteria) shall be amended as follows and shall only apply to the International Residential Code, 2006 Edition:

1. Amendment of R301.2.1.1 (Design Criteria)

2. Item 6, The American Concrete Institute, Guide to Concrete Masonry Residential Construction in High Winds Areas, shall be added.

3. Item 7, Institute for Business & Home Safety, Optional Code - plus Fortified for Safer Living, shall be added.

4. Item 8, Federal Alliance for Safe Homes, Optional Code - plus Blueprint for Safety, shall be added.

(4) International Mechanical Code, 2006 Edition, and the standards referenced in that code for regulation of construction within this state.

(5) The Louisiana State Plumbing Code (Part XIV (Plumbing) of the state sanitary code) as amended by the state health officer acting through the office of public health of the department of health and hospitals. Nothing in this part shall be construed so as to prevent the state health officer from enforcing Part XIV (Plumbing) of the state sanitary code, the enforcement of which is his statutory and regulatory responsibility.

(6) International Fuel Gas Code, 2006 Edition, and the standards referenced in that code for regulation of construction within this state.

(7) National Electrical Code, 2005 Edition.

(8) International Property Maintenance Code, 2021 Edition.”

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any portion of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid or unconstitutional in any manner, the invalidity shall be limited to that particular section or provision, and shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance, which shall remain valid and enforceable, it being the

intention of the City Council that each separate provision shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall go into effect upon publication and in accordance with law.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on December 12 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on December 15, 2022.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Elie
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 9th day of January, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 10th day of January, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

Shontrell Roque provided an explanation to Ordinance No. 082 of 2022. Carl Sias provided remarks regarding Ordinance No. 082 of 2022.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 084 OF 2022

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHEs TO AWARD THE BID FOR HVAC IMPROVEMENTS AT THE
NATCHITOCHEs EVENTS CENTER
(BID NO. 0653)**

WHEREAS, Resolution No.085 of 2022 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on September 26, 2022 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for HVAC Improvements at the Natchitoches Events Center (Bid No. 0653).

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, September 29, October 6, and October 13, 2022 in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, one bid proposal was received and opened as follows:

- (1) ACA Mechanical/Industrial, LLC
Alexandria, LA\$708,500.00

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2022 the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Randy LaCaze, Director of Community Development; and Dale Nielsen, Councilman, are to review and make a recommendation of the bids received.

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the one bid received to **ACA Mechanical/Industrial, LLC** in the amount of **\$708,500.00**.

WHEREAS, the award of this bid is subject to the approval of the Office of Community Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign any and all documents necessary for acceptance of this bid.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on December 12 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on December 15, 2022.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Elie
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 9th day of January, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 10th day of January, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

Randy LaCaze spoke in reference to Ordinance No. 084 of 2023. Carl Sias inquired about the funding for Ordinance No. 084 of 2022 in which Mayor Ronnie Williams Jr. provided a response.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Smith and Seconded by Mr. Petite as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 085 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs TO AWARD THE BID FOR HVAC IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RECREATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER (MLK) (BID NO. 0649)

WHEREAS, Resolution No.086 of 2022 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on September 26, 2022 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for HVAC Improvements at the MLK Center (Bid No. 0649).

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, September 29, October 6 and October 13, 2022 in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, two bid proposals were received and opened as follows:

- (2) ACA Mechanical/Industrial, LLC
Alexandria, LA\$1,218,000.00
- (3) Sunstream, Inc.
Natchitoches, LA\$1,535,000.00

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2022 the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Kevin Warner, Director of Recreation; and Rosemary Elie, Councilwoman, are to review and make a recommendation of the bids received.

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **ACA Mechanical/Industrial, LLC** in the amount of **\$1,218,000.00**.

WHEREAS, the award of this bid is subject to the approval of the Office of Community Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign any and all documents necessary for acceptance of this bid.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on December 12 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on December 15, 2022.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Elie
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 9th day of January, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 10th day of January, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

Carl Sias made remarks in regard to Ordinance No. 085 of 2022.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington at the December 12, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 086 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTIONS 30-18 AND 30-42, ALL OF WHICH ARE LOCATED IN ARTICLE IV OF SECTION 30 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE, ENTITLED "UTILITIES" SAID AMENDMENTS BEING MADE TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES IN NEW RATES FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE, RATES FOR SEWER SERVICE AND RATES FOR WATER USE WHICH NEW RATE STRUCTURE HAS BEEN PROPOSED IN A ELECTRICAL RATE STUDY PREPARED BY RICK NOWLIN AND WATER AND SEWER RATE STUDY PREPARED BY SHULER CONSULTING COMPANY/BALAR ENGINEERING FIRM, PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

Rick Nowlin, Matt Anderson, Clarissa Brown-Smith, Jimmy Hagan of Baylor Engineers, Kevin Shannahan of Natchitoches Parish Journal, Harold Bayonne, Carl Sias, Precious Barber, Craig Addis, Wayne McCullen, Brad Walker, and members of the Council; all either provided information, asked questions, or had remarks in regard to Ordinance No. 086 of 2022.

Ms. Smith motioned to table Ordinance No. 086 of 2022, seconded by Mr. Harrington.

The Motion was put to a vote as follows:

AYES:	Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Elie
ABSTAIN:	None

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen at the January 9, 2023 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 002 OF 2023

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DIVISION OF THE CURRENT POSITION OF PURCHASING AND HUMAN RESOURCES INTO TWO SEPARATE POSITIONS, TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL POLICIES MANUAL TO PROVIDE FOR THE NEW POSITION OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART, PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter “City”) is permitted and authorized under the authority of Section 4.09 of the Charter of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana to create City Departments and reallocate the functions, powers, duties and responsibilities of Departments; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, a proposal has been made to divide the current position of Purchasing and Human Resources into two separate positions, one of which will be Purchasing and will remain in its current position on the organizational chart and the other position will be Human Resources and will be located on the organizational chart between Chief of Staff and City Clerk; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the current duties of Purchasing and Human Resources will be divided between the two new positions; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the splitting of the position of Purchasing and Human Resources will further require that the Personnel Policies Manual be amended to provide for an altered organizational chart; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches has reviewed the proposed change to Purchasing and Human Resources and agrees that the split of the position into two positions is advisable and in the best interest of the City of Natchitoches and its citizens; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, as follows:

SECTION 1: The City Council of the City of Natchitoches does hereby divide the current position of Purchasing and Human Resources into two positions one of which will be Purchasing and one of which will be Human Resources.

SECTION 2: The City Council of the City of Natchitoches does hereby authorize the amendment of the Personnel Policies Manual of the City of Natchitoches to provide for a new organizational chart, and that the organizational chart as set forth on page XII of the current Personnel Policies Manual be amended to change the current position of Purchasing and Human Resources to be Purchasing and to include the new position of Human Resources on the organizational chart between Chief of Staff and City Clerk .

SECTION 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. If any portion of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid or unconstitutional in any manner, the invalidity shall be limited to that particular section or provision, and shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance, which shall remain valid and enforceable, it being the intention of the City Council that each separate provision shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall go into effect upon publication and in accordance with law.

Sarah Oubre introduced herself in regard to Ordinance No. 002 of 2023.

	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022-2023 BUDGET TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES				
WHEREAS , Louisiana Statute (R.S. 39:1310-1311) requires that the City amend its operating budgets when fund balance is being budgeted, and there is a 5% unfavorable variance in revenues and expenditures.					
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED , that the general funds budget be amended to reflect these additional revenues and expenditures as follows:					
		2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023	
REVENUE	GENERAL FUND REVENUE	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget	
001-0000-481-0000	Miscellaneous Income	10,000	75,000	85,000	
GENERAL FUND REVENUE	TOTAL	10,000	75,000	85,000	
		2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023	
EXPENSES	GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget	
001-5800-580-3599	Operating Services/Other		75,000	75,000	
				-	
				-	
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	75,000	75,000	
		2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023	
REVENUE	UTILITY FUND REVENUE	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget	
UTILITY FUND REVENUE	TOTAL	-	-	-	
		2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023	

EXPENSES	UTILITY FUND EXPENSES	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget	
UTILITY FUND EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	-	-	

Clarissa Brown-Smith provided an explanation of Ordinance No. 003 of 2023.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington at the January 9, 2023 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 004 OF 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022-2023 BUDGET TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, Louisiana Statute (R.S. 39:1310-1311) requires that the City amend its operating budgets when fund balance is being budgeted, and there is a 5% unfavorable variance in revenues and expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the general funds budget be amended to reflect these additional revenues and expenditures as follows:

		2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023
REVENUE	GENERAL FUND REVENUE	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
GENERAL FUND REVENUE	TOTAL	-	-	-
		2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023
EXPENSES	GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
001-5000-500-9003	Capital Assets-Vehicle	75,000	(75,000)	-
071-0000-591-2603	Repairs & Maintenance-Building and Grounds	100,000	(25,000)	75,000
001-5800-580-3520	Operating Services-Industrial Development	14,000	100,000	114,000
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	TOTAL	189,000	-	189,000
		2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023
REVENUE	UTILITY FUND REVENUE	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
UTILITY FUND REVENUE	TOTAL	-	-	-
		2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023
EXPENSES	UTILITY FUND EXPENSES	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget

Clarissa Brown-Smith provided an explanation of Ordinance No. 004 of 2023.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Petite and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 002 OF 2023

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs AND ACA MECHANICAL INDUSTRIAL, LLC
FOR HVAC IMPROVEMENTS AT THE NATCHITOCHEs EVENTS CENTER**

(BID NO. 0653)

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (CITY) awarded the bid to ACA Mechanical Industrial, LLC (CONTRACTOR) on January 9, 2023 by Ordinance No. 084 of 2022 in the amount of **\$708,500.00** for HVAC Improvements at the Natchitoches Events Center (Bid No. 0653); and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2023 CONTRACTOR issued Change Order No. 1, fully described in Attachment “A”; and

WHEREAS, the contract sum will be **decreased** by this **Change Order No. 1** in the amount of **\$162,000.00** and the revised contract total will be **\$546,500.00**; and

WHEREAS, the project Engineer, Henry Shuler, has recommended this change order; and

WHEREAS, the CITY is of the opinion that Change Order No. 1 is in the best interest of the CITY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute the referenced Change Order No. 1 to the agreement between the City of Natchitoches and the contractor, ACA Mechanical Industrial, LLC.

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

AYES:	Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Elie
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 9th day of January, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 003 OF 2023

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND ACA MECHANICAL INDUSTRIAL, LLC
FOR HVAC IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
RECREATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER (MLK)**

(BID NO. 0649)

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (CITY) awarded the bid to ACA Mechanical Industrial, LLC (CONTRACTOR) on January 9, 2023 by Ordinance No. 085 of 2022 in the amount of **\$1,218,000.00** for HVAC Improvements at the Martin Luther King, Jr., Recreational Community Center (Bid No. 0649); and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2023 CONTRACTOR issued Change Order No. 1, fully described in Attachment “A”; and

WHEREAS, the contract sum will be **decreased** by this **Change Order No. 1** in the amount of **\$127,000.00** and the revised contract total will be **\$1,091,000.00**; and

WHEREAS, the project Engineer, Henry Shuler, has recommended this change order; and

WHEREAS, the CITY is of the opinion that Change Order No. 1 is in the best interest of the CITY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute the referenced Change Order No. 1 to the agreement between the City of Natchitoches and the contractor, ACA Mechanical Industrial, LLC.

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

AYES:	Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Elie
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 9th day of January, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 004 OF 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE AND ACCEPT BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BUCKET TRUCK FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE'S UTILITY DEPARTMENT

BID NO. 0656

WHEREAS, the City wishes to advertise for public bids for the purchase of a Bucket Truck for the Natchitoches Utility Department (Bid No. 0656); and

WHEREAS, sealed proposals shall be addressed to the City of Natchitoches, Office of the Director of Purchasing, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457 or received at the City of Natchitoches Purchasing Department, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches will accept sealed and electronic bids for the project until 2:00 PM on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at the office of the Director of Purchasing, 1400 Sabine Street; and

WHEREAS, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the location and time herein above; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of proposals, the committee members consisting of Clarissa Brown-Smith, Director of Finance; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Matt Anderson, Utility Director and Eddie Harrington, Councilman, 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 Ronnie Williams, Jr., 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, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Elie
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 9th day of January, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Matt Anderson spoke in reference to Resolution No. 004 of 2023.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Smith and Seconded by Mr. Petite as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 005 OF 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs AND MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC., FOR ACQUISITION OF BODY CAMERAS AND CAR VIDEO SYSTEMS UNDER A PIGGY BACK CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, RONNIE WILLIAMS, TO EXECUTE THE EQUIPMENT LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC., AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER IN THE PREMISES.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (CITY) desires and has determined that a true and very real need exists for the lease/and or acquisition of the Equipment or other personal property described in the Lease between City of Natchitoches (Lessee) and Motorola Solutions, Inc. (Lessor).

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Parish of Ascension, Louisiana, has an existing and viable contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc., and the Parish of Ascension, Louisiana, has consented to and approved of the CITY utilizing the contract which the Parish of Ascension, Louisiana entered into with Motorola Solutions, Inc.; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, a copy of the Letter of Consent from Ascension Parish approving the Contract is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:1321, et seq., 38:2212.1 F and/or 39:1701, the City desires to “piggy-back” onto the existing contract between Ascension Parish and Motorola Solutions, Inc., and

WHEREAS FURTHER, having reviewed the attached Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement between the City and Motorola Solutions, Inc., and approving same, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches desires to authorize the Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., to execute agreement on behalf of the CITY and the Council shall ratify and adopt any previous agreement signed to secure this contract and interest rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, does hereby authorize, empower, and direct the Honorable Ronnie Williams Jr., Mayor, to execute the Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement between Motorola Solutions, Inc., and the City of Natchitoches.

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

AYES: Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Elie
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 9th day of January, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Chief Nikeo Collins provided information in regard to Resolution No. 005 of 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **January 23, 2023..**
- The City of Natchitoches offices will be closed **Monday, January 16, 2023**, in honor of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

_____/s/_____
RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

_____/s/_____
BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE